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DELHI PLANS

NEW DRIVE AGAINST CONGRESS?

Police Chiefs Meet In Conference

Though Official Circles Keep Mum, It Is Presumed Patna Decision And Congress Activities In War Time Were Considered

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
NEW DELHI, March 8.

SIGNIFICANCE is being attached to the conference of Police Chiefs held to-day. It appears the officiating Driector, Central Intelligence Bureau, also attended the conference.

Since no official *communique* is being issued and only information available states the conference discussed Departmental matters it is difficult precisely to know what subjects were on the agenda for the two days' talks.

NEW DRIVE?

In unofficial circles it is being presumed the Conference must have considered the situation arising from the probable Congress decision to launch Civil Disobedience on some unknown date in the future, as well as the activities of political workers during wartime.

This Conference it is presumed will have an important bearing on the future policy since in seven Provinces, Inspector-General will have no Ministers to guide their official activities.

It is significant that last year a proposal for the conference of Provincial Police heads was not favoured by certain Provincial Governments, especially of Congress complexions and the Home Ministers' Conference was held instead.

Armistice In Finland?

DIRECT TALKS

PARIS, Mar. 8.

There is no question of a fresh Soviet ultimatum to Finland expiring to-night, according to well-informed circles in Paris.

It is added that there is, however, a German-Swedish move to establish peace between Russia and Finland.

It is stated that these negotiations have been proceeding for several days and there is no question of a time limit.

RUSSO-FINNISH ARMISTICE

STOCKHOLM, March 8.

Speculation on the possibility of an immediate armistice in Soviet-Finnish conflict is rife in Stockholm. This has been greatly stimulated by the action of the Swedish authorities in placing a censorship on foreign press dispatches.

DIRECT TALKS

"Reuter" learns that direct discussions between Finnish and Russian representatives are taking place to-day not in Stockholm but "Elsewhere".

M. Erkko, Finnish ex-Foreign Minister, told "Reuter" that public opinion should await before jumping to conclusions.

He added that the only real fact he would like people to realise was that "war in Finland is still going on and there has been no armistice."

RUSSIAN DEMANDS

Referring to press reports of Russian terms, the Finnish Minister in London, told "Reuter" that if these were correct it would seem that Russians had increased their demands, particularly regarding the Isthmus and the area north of Lake Ladoga.

He added that Finland has always been ready for peace with Russia, but not on any terms. Finland's independence must be preserved.

The Minister further added that he saw Lord Halifax yesterday, but declined to say what took place at the interview.

PARIS:—The Military Commentator, General Duval, writing in "Le Journal" declares that Allied troops are fully able to enter Finland without violating Swedish or Norwegian territory or provoking German intervention. He says that it would be easy to open the Port of Petsamo.

U. S. Plans New Order

WASHINGTON, March, 8

Mr. Cordell Hull announced that the United States Government has approached 55 neutrals with a view to working to improve the world economic order after the war. Most of them have replied favourably.—Reuter.

ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, March, 8

A communique says:—"On the western side of the Voseges an encounter took place this morning between a French and German party, which ended to our advantage."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

ALLIES TO LAND TROOPS IN SCANDINAVIA?

AMSTERDAM, March 8.

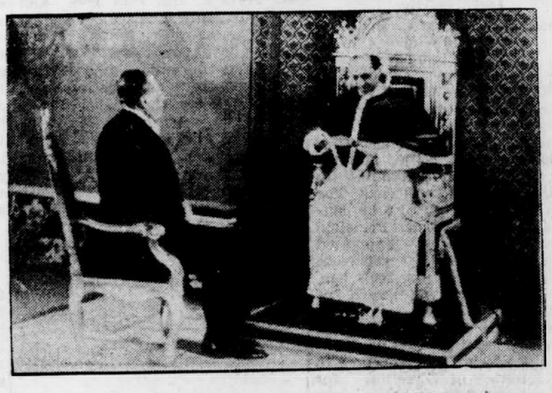
The German Government has not yet permitted any mention in the press of the Russo-Finnish peace negotiations. The papers, are, however, giving much prominence to reports from Northern Europe accusing the Allies of preparing to land troops in Scandinavia.—Reuter.

CEYLON GOVERNOR MEETS EX-MINISTERS

COLOMBO, March 8

Discussions between the Governor and ex-Ministers (who were returned as Executive Committee chairman) began yesterday and are likely to conclude by Tuesday.

It is understood they turned largely over the schedule, which the Governor proposed in his message to the Councillors to indicate what classes of Executive Committee decisions must require prior reference to the Governor.—A. P.



Mr. Myron Tayler, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Holy See. The Pope is reading President Roosevelt's Message.

IF FREEDOM WAS REAL ISSUE

India Was Prepared To Go To Britain's Aid

But Govt. Has Banged Door On Her Face And She Can't Wait Indefinitely, Says Azad

ALLAHABAD, March 8.

In the course of a message to the "News Chronicle", London, in response to their request, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President elect of the Ramgarh Congress says,

"I believe that the world will appreciate our position and not blame us for our decision. We had vigilantly kept control on our heads and hearts lest we might take a hasty step at a critical juncture. We waited, and waited patiently, but certainly we could not wait indefinitely.

India was prepared to throw her weight on the side of Britain, if freedom was the real issue and if her choice and will was acknowledged, but the British Government banged the door on her face.

"If any people outside India entertain the opinion that Indian Muslims are opposed to the Independence of India, I would tell them with the fullest sense of my responsibility that this is an absolutely false impression. Not a single responsible Muslim group is opposed to it.

The general trend of Muslim thought in India has compelled even the Muslim League to change its creed of "full Responsible Government" to that of "Democratic Independence". — United Press.

Ribbentrop For Rome

BERLIN, March 8.

Herr von Ribbentrop is going to Rome for a short visit on March 9, it is announced here. According to the German wireless von Ribbentrop will discuss current problems with Sgr. Mussolini and Count Ciano.—Reuter.

RECONSTRUCTION AFTER TURKISH 'QUAKE

ISTANBUL, March 8.

Far-reaching Government plans are already being prepared for the reconstruction of areas of Erzindjan recently devastated by earthquakes says an Ankara despatch.

The projects envisaged provide for 80,000 new houses for which the National Assembly will shortly be asked for credits, totalling five-million sterling. It is understood British, American and Italian firms are bidding keenly for a share in the reconstruction.—Reuter.

STATE OF SIEGE IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, March 8.

A Royal Decree has been prepared to extend a State of Siege in Holland to a wider area, it was announced in the Chamber by the Minister of Defence, M. Dijxhoorn.

A State of Siege was proclaimed in certain frontiers and in "inundation" zones last November.—Reuter.

When Mahatma & Azad Arrive

Presidential Procession & Guard Of Honour

RAMGARH, March 8

Mahatma Gandhi will arrive at Ramgarh according to the latest message from Wardha on the morning of March 14 and will open the exhibition in the afternoon.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad will arrive at Ramgarh on the following day.

The Presidential procession will be taken out at nine in the morning. A number of 'Adibasi' men and women will join in the reception of the President in their picturesque native dress and volunteers and Desh Sevikas, with musical bands, will form a guard of honour.

The All-India Radio are putting up a station here and their station Engineer and Assistant Station Director, Mr. A. K. Sen, are now here.—A. P. Special.

NEW DELHI, March 8.

Mr. S. Satyamurti had an interview with the Viceroy to-day.—A. P.

On Bended Knees Sarat Bose Appeals To Mahatma

CALCUTTA, March 8.

"No words of condemnation of this outrage are strong enough," says Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose in a statement referring to the incident which occurred on the night of February 28, when Mahatma Gandhi was proceeding from Calcutta by train to Patna.

Mr. Bose says: "The report that appeared in the press a few days ago that a shoe had been hurled at Mahatma Gandhi's compartment at the Lilooah station was promptly contradicted. Thereafter Shri Mahadev Desai issued a statement to the effect that the outrage was committed at the Serampore station and not at Lilooah.

As soon as I read Sjt. Mahadev Desai's statement I requested some friends to make searching enquiries and to find out whether the outrage had been committed by a maniac or normal person.

I learnt to my horror and disgust this evening that the outrage had been committed by two persons and that both of them were believed to be Congress members of the Serampore Sub-Division.

No words of condemnation of this outrage are strong enough. That it was committed in Bengal is the greatest misfortune that could befall her. May I appeal to Mahatma Gandhi on bended knees to forgive the misguided men who knew not what they did and also to forgive the Province that gave them birth?"—A. P.

NO GREETINGS TO SUPERIORS

Bihar Govt. Order On Subordinates

PATNA, March 8.

The Government have issued a circular prohibiting the sending of cards and telegrams of greetings by subordinate Government servants to their superior officers, except in the case of personal friends.—A. JP.

JAIPRAKASH'S ARREST MEANS

WAR ON CONGRESS

RAMGARH WILL ANSWER CHALLENGE SAYS JAWAHAR: KRIPALANI ON MEANING OF OFFENSIVE

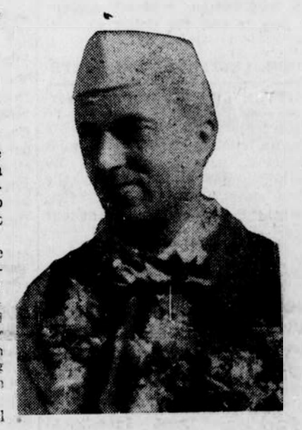
TRIAL AT CHAIBASSA

JAMSHEDPUR, March 8.

MR. Jaiprakash Narain, who was arrested at Patna yesterday under the Defence of India Rule in connection with a speech delivered at Jamshedpur, was brought here this morning from Patna. He has been taken to Chaibassa to stand his trial.—A P.

HIS ARREST HAS DEEP SIGNIFICANCE

Ramgarh Will Give Answer, Says Nehru



ALLAHABAD, March 8

"It means determination of the Government to declare war on the Congress", says Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a statement to the Press, referring to the arrest of Mr. Jaiprakash Narain.

Pandit Nehru states: "For some months past ever since the resignation of the Congress Ministries the various Provincial Governments have been picking up and arresting Congressmen for speeches or other activities. Often these activities consist of giving publicity to the Congress position in regard to war.

"In the Punjab and Bengal such action has been continuous ever since the war began. In Bengal, civil liberties have been sought to be completely crushed. In the Punjab, hundreds of Congressmen and Ahrars have been imprisoned. And the process continues. In other provinces the process was slower. But it has gradually gained momentum.

"We have said little about this, for it is not in our way to protest too much. We have held ourselves patiently for a time when action was demanded of us. That patience did not signify acceptance of this growing attack on us.

"Now comes the news of Mr. Jaiprakash Narain's arrest in Patna. That is vital news, for Mr Jaiprakash Narain is one of the dearest and most valued of our comrades and his arrest has deep significance. It means determination of the Government to declare war on the Congress. We do not regret or protest against this as against other arrests. But we realise what it means, and we are prepared for it.

"It is fitting that this arrest should have taken place in a province where the Congress is going to meet soon, for it is the Congress that will give the answer to British imperialism."

MEANING OF THE ARREST

Govt. Wants To Force Fight

Referring to the arrest of Mr. Jaiprakash Narain, Acharya Kripalani said in an interview:

"Mr. Jaiprakash Narain has always been advocating the policy enunciated by the Congress. He is not a person who is likely to make any violent speeches. His arrest, therefore, can mean only one thing, that is, the Government wants to fight the Congress."—United Press.

ON THE AIR

German Bomber Brought Down

LONDON, March 8.

The Air Ministry announcement says that aircraft of the R. A. F. this afternoon intercepted a Heinkel off the north coast of Scotland and shot it down into the sea.

This is the 45th German raider to be shot down over or near the British isles since the beginning of the war.

The German bomber was shot down in a single combat. When the Heinkel was first sighted by a patrol of the Hurricanes, it dived 2,000 feet to the sea level. One of the Hurricane pilots attacked and after a few seconds' running fight the Heinkel collapsed.

German Plane Drops Bombs On South-East Coast

LONDON, March 7.

Six loud explosions were heard off the South-east coast at about 8 p.m. followed by the rattle of machinegun fire.

It is reported that a German 'plane dropped bombs near shipping. There were no hits or casualties. The bombs in pairs and exploded striking water.—Reuter.

German Crew Rescued

LONDON, March 8.

One of the crew of a German plane shot down yesterday has been rescued by a surface craft. He was on a rubber float to which two others were seen clinging, but they disappeared before help could reach them.—Reuter.

Two British Soldiers Killed And 14 Taken Prisoners

LONDON, March 7.

The War Office has issued a casualty list in connection with the raid on a British post on March 5 giving names of two Duke of Cornwallis Light Infantry men killed in action and 14 missing believed to be taken prisoners.—Reuter.

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Dated this 4th day of March, 1940.

JYOTENDRA L. MEHTA.
Managing Director.
Manager.
2102

NOTICE.

THE BOMBAY LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy No. 62365 on the life of John Gilbert of Mathran a duplicate policy will be issued unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date.

JYOTENDRA L. MEHTA.
Managing Director.
Bombay, 6th March, 1940.
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JODHPUR RAILWAY.

CONCESSION FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.

For the coming Easter Holidays return tickets available upto the 9th April, 1940, will be issued as follows over the Jodhpur Railway from the 15th to 25th March, 1940 provided the journey is for a distance of over 100 miles each way or concession fares for 101 miles are paid.

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G. F. EVANS,
Chief Traffic Manager.
(2067)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Surat Electricity Company, Limited, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1940, at 5-15 p. m. at the Registered Office of the Company, Home Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1. To adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 31st December, 1939.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of Dewan Bahadur Chunilal M. Gandhi, B.A., LL.B., and Mr. A. S. Trollip, who retire by rotation, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
4. To elect Mr. V. F. Noel Paton, who retires under Article 98, as a Director.
5. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 18th March to MONDAY, the 8th April 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON & CO.,
Agents.
Bombay, 28th February, 1940.
2100

Public Notices

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

IN PURSUANCE of a requisition received, under Section 36(d) and (h) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special Meeting of the Corporation to discuss the situation arising out of the Strike of Textile Workers in the City, a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on WEDNESDAY, the 13th MARCH, 1940, at 3 P.M. (Bombay Time).

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
S. N. DAMLE,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 8th March, 1940.

VICTORIA JUBILEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
(Central Technological Institute, Bombay Province)
Matunga, Bombay.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the Post of Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, on a salary scale of Rs. 550—35—760—40—1,000 p.m. The starting salary will be fixed according to qualifications and experience. The person appointed will also be considered for the Post of Principal and Secretary, and if appointed to this post also will receive in addition a salary of Rs. 300/- p.m. with a Motor-Car allowance of Rs. 75/- p.m. and free unfurnished quarters. The Principal and Secretary if, and so long as, he is called upon to act as Secretary to the Committee of Direction for Technical and Industrial Training, Bombay Province, and Part-time Principal, Government Apprentice Scheme, will receive an allowance of Rs. 100/- p.m. for each of these appointments.

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By order of the Board,
GEO. W. BURLEY.
Principal & Secretary
4th March, 1940.
(2091)

THE BOMBAY DYEING & MFG. COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Neville House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1940, at 10-30 a.m. (St. Time), for the transaction of the following business:—

1. To adopt the Directors' Report, the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.
2. To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
3. To appoint a Director in place of Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., who retires from office, but is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
4. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. C. N. Caroe, who retires from office, but is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
5. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
6. To transact such other business as may be brought forward by the Directors.

By order of the Board,
NOWROSJEE WADIA & SONS,
Agents,
THE BOMBAY DYEING & MFG. CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 20th March to 28th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

The Dividend, when sanctioned, will be made payable at the National Bank of India, Ltd., Bombay, on or after Monday, the 8th April, 1940, to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 28th March, 1940, to whom Dividend Warrants will be posted.

The Shareholders are requested to at once notify any change of address.

Bombay, 7th March, 1940.
(2106)

Public Notices

NOTICE

ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy Number 128868 on the life of Mr. Dayal Dahyabhai Thakar of Devalia, a Duplicate Policy will be issued unless objection is lodged with us within one calendar month from this date.

Bombay, dated 9-3-1940.
H. E. JONES,
Manager.
(12907)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates for 5 Ordinary Shares Nos. 064536/538, 138113 and 26419 of the Tata Iron and Steel Company, Limited, standing in the name of Porus Aderji Mehta have been LOST or MISLAID and the undersigned applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificates for the said shares. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office Bombay House, 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within one month from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates.

PORUS ADERJI MEHTA.
Date 9-3-40.
12905

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that one Allotment letter (E) bearing No. (8). 9946 in respect of one share (s) numbered 664156 of the Associated Cement Companies Limited, standing in the name (s) of Mr. Madan Gopal Damani has been Lost or Mislaid, and the undersigned has applied to the Company for delivery of the share certificate (s) for the said share (s).

Any person in possession of the said Allotment letter (s) and/or having any claim to the said share (s) should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office at Esplanade House, Wandby Road, Bombay within one month from the date hereof, after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and deliver the share certificate (s) if they think fit.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1940.

Shareholder's Signature,
M. G. DAMANI
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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
Suit No. 851 of 1935.

The MUNICIPAL CORPORATION of the City of Bombay and another. .... Plaintiffs.
v.
Bai RABIABAI daughter of Dawood Mahomed and others..... .... Defendants.

Pursuant to Consent Decrees, dated 28th August, 1935 and 5th September, 1935 and Judge's Order, dated 21st July, 1939, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on WEDNESDAY, 13th March, 1940, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.)

All that piece of Fazandari land with the dwelling house standing thereon situate at Umerkhadi Street, without the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 150 2/9th square yards or thereabouts and bearing New Survey No. 3646 Cadastral Survey No. 1984 of Mandvi Division and Municipal B. Ward No. 3537, Street No. 113.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Mr. MANBHOY B. MANIAR, Attorney for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at the Municipal Head Office, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 5th day of March 1940.

(Sd. G. R. KHAIRAZ.
Commissioner.
2085.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in exercise of the Power of sale reserved to them under an Indenture of Transfer of Mortgage dated the 9th day of December, 1927, made between Kulsombai Ramzanally Ebrahim and Ramzanally Ebrahim of the first part, Abdul Hussein Jafferji Hussanally of the second part and themselves of the third part Messrs. GULAMHUSSEIN AHMEDALLY and FIDAHUSSEIN MAHOMEDALLY of Bombay Borah Inhabitants have contracted to sell the under-mentioned property to our clients Mr. DARABSHA PALLONJI DAROOWALLA and BAI JERBAI, wife of the said Mr. Darabsha Pallonji Daroowalla.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, share, partition, maintenance, easement, possession, assignment, or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the under-mentioned Purchasers' Solicitors at their Office at 41-45, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same (if any) will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Government Foras freehold salt batty land or ground with four Blocks of buildings, constructed thereon containing by admeasurement 1414 square yards or thereabouts situate, lying and being without the Fort at Parel Station near Elphinstone Road, on the Western side of B. B. & C. I. Railway, formerly in the registration Sub-district of Mandvi and now in the sub-district and City of Bombay registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 381, 537, New No. 12417, New Survey No. 12663 and Cadastral Survey No. 846 Lower Parel Division assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 'G' Ward Nos. 2511(1), 2511(2), 2512(1) and 2512(1a) and formerly bearing Street Nos. 23, 23a, 24, and 24a but now Nos. 12, 3, 3A, 3B and bounded on the East by the Carroll Road, on the West by the property of Memon Juma Sukoor, on the North by the proposed Foras Road and on the South by the Water passage.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1940.

MINOCHEHER MANCHERSHAH HIRALAL & CO.,
Purchasers' Solicitors.
2097

SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 1709 of 1935.

AITWAR PEDROO VAITY and others..... ..... Plaintiffs.
v.
PASCOAL BENDOCK PATIL and others..... ..... Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sale of the immovable properties in the above suit advertised for sale on the 17th ultimo have been postponed to the 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th, 30th April and 1st May and on 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of May, 1940, pursuant to the Judge's order dated the 26th February 1940.

Dated this 8th day of March, 1940.

MATHURADAS VISSANJI
Sheriff of Bombay.
2112.

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
INSOLVENCY NO. 61 OF 1940

Re. SATYANARAYEN BHURAMAL and GAVRISHANKAR BHURAMAL, of Bombay, residing at Malad and lately carrying on business at New Stock Exchange Building, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. .. Debtors.
Ex Parte: (1) Bai SHIRINBAI SORABJI PAREKH and (2) Bai DHANBAI SORABJI PAREKH .. Petitioning Creditors.

On the 5th day of March, 1940, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtors Insolvents.

Dated this 8th day of March, 1940.

S. S. RANGNEKAR.
Insolvency Registrar.
(2110)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 1935 of 1935.

PUSHPAVATIBAI, wife of Mangaldas Nagindas Motiwalla Plaintiff.
vs.
BHAWANIDAS NARANDAS MOTIWALLA and Others .. Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 23rd day of March, 1939, the following immovable properties will be sold in one lot by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on THURSDAY, 14th March, 1940, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

FIRSTLY:—ALL that piece of Pension and Tax land now redeemed together with the dwelling house stables and outbuildings standing thereon known as Culliandas House, situate on the West side of Ridge Road Malabar Hill admeasuring 2259 square yards or thereabouts bearing Collector's Old No 572, New No. 2701, Old Survey No. 21, New Survey No. 7243 and portion of Cadastral Survey No. 170 of Malabar Cumballa Hill Division and Municipal Ward D No. 3190, Old Street No. 94 and New Street No. 56 Ridge Road.

SECONDLY:—All that piece of Pension and Tax land redeemed together with the hereditaments and premises, situate at the corner of Ridge and Doongersey Road Malabar Hill in Bombay, admeasuring 1500 square yards or thereabouts bearing Collector's Old No. 572, New No. 2702, Old Survey No. 21, New Survey No. 7244 and portion of Cadastral Survey No. 170 of Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division and Municipal D Ward Old Nos. 5166 (1) and 3189, Old Street Nos. 32, 32A and 33, 88 to 92 Ridge Road and Doongersey Road and New Street Nos. 58 to 60 Ridge Road and 4 Doongersey Road.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN, Attorneys for Defendants Nos. 9 and 10 abovenamed at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1940.

(Sd.) G. R. KHAIRAZ,
Commissioner.
(2072)

Auction Sales

GANDHI & CO..
Government Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF 125 BALES HESSIAN CLOTH

Messrs. GANDHI & Co., Government Auctioneers will, under instructions from Messrs. Mohile Parekh and Manekial Attorneys for Lala Tulsidas Meghraj and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Jadhavji Narsidas & Co., the defaulting purchasers at Princess Dock 'A' Shed this day Saturday the 9th March, 1940 at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.):—

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Under instructions from Messrs. Merwanji Kola and Co., Attorneys for Mr. Dayabhai Chagganlal Receiver appointed in Suit No. 1213 of 1939 (Dayabhai Chagganlal & or v/s Bai Velabai widow of Vallabhdas Gokuldas Dossa), Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will on TUESDAY 26th March, 1940 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), sell by Public Auction on the premises:—

All that piece of pension and Tax land (cess now redeemed) together with buildings, standing thereon, situate near Carmichael Road, containing by admeasurement about 551 square yards and bounded on the East, West and South by the property belonging to Framroze Ardeshir Vakil; on the North by the property, belonging to the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., and bearing D Ward No. 3456 (2) and Street Nos. 11B and 43C. Altamount Road and Peddar Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Merwanji Kola and Co., No. 14, Hamam Street, Fort, or to the undersigned.

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On The Air

SATURDAY, MARCH 9.

Bombay I & II Programmes

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit! 8-10 Indian music. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Delhi 2. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 to 10.30 As in Delhi 2.

11-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 As in Delhi 2. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 to 6 As in Delhi 2. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Recorded music. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 9 As in Delhi 2. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2. 10-30 News in English.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. A Sarinda recital. 5-10 Lakshman Prasad. 5-25 Afzal Husain. 5-35 Thumri Peelu on the Clarionet. 5-40 Reginald Poort. 6-15 Mohamad Shafi. 6-30 The Iron Heel. 6-45 A sarangi recital. 7 For villagers only. 8 Ashiq Husain. 8-15 Girls and foreign education. 8-40 Rusoolanbai. 10 Adana. 10-35 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 to 7 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 7 Mixed Melodies. 8 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. Bhai Lal. 6-30 For the countryside. 7-15 S. Butt. 7-30 Stories from the Puranas. 7. 7-45 Ghazal and Naat. 8 Bilwa Mangal. 8-50 Khursheedbai Hujruwali. 9-50 Nirmala Devi. 10-5 Pat Behag on the Dilruba. 10-15 Khursheedbai Hujruwali.

Dacca—Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m Flute recital. 5-5 Sailesh Roy. 5-20 Sourin Roy. 5-35 The march of C's. 5-50 Jaltarang recital. 6-5 Toyland or Khelaghar. 7 Suprobha Bannerjee. 7-15 Radha Gobinda Das. 7-30 Sour'n Roy. 7-45 Life is a stage. 8 Suprobha Bannerjee. 8-15 Bani—Shree. 9-5 Sharafat Ali. 9-45 Nishita Rate. 10 Radha Gobinda Das. 10-15 Sharafat Ali.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)
(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

5 p.m. For the countryside. 5-50 Mohammad Hussain. 6-5 Mohammad. Hussain. 6-15 Renuka Roy. 6-35 Rabidas on meditation. 7 Falgu-Dhaara. 7-45 I spend my holidays. 4. 8 Just a surprise. 8-15 Pash Bibhrat. 9 Gracia Duveck. 9-55 Dance music.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 to 10-30 p.m. As in Calcutta 1.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. Anwarbai. 5-47 Ahmedibai. 6-10 Bhushan. 6-23 A sarod recital. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Ahmedibai. 7-5 Dak Ka Thaila. 7-20 Anwarbai. 7-30 Triangular debate. 7-50 Ahmedibai. 8 Kaise Pite, 3. 8-15 Anwarbai. 8-30 Why Britain is at war. 8-45 Amir Ahmed Alvi. 8-50 Topic of the day. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Ahmedibai. 10-5 Lucknow Radio Orchestra. 10-12 Anwarbai.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Women's half-hour. 4-30 Kate Smith. 5 Instrumental music. 5-20 Mannargudy S. Krishnamurty Iyer. 6-5 Chakravartula Venkatanarayanancharyulu. 6-30 Shrimati Kamala Nagaratnam. 7 The lighter side of life. 7-10 Pudukottah Subrahmanya Iyer. 7-50 Musiri Subramania Iyer. 9 In Parenthesis. 9-15 Interlude.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 to 6-5 p.m. As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 5-30 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Cinderella. 9-45 It's on the air, 5.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 Shrimati K. Gangabai. 5-45 Tunes from the Talkies. 6-5 For the villages. 6-30 Turaiyur Rajagopala Sarma. 7 Ulagappokku. 7-15 Learn to sing. 7-50 Concert programme. 9-45 Shrimati K. Gangabai.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17 40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Passenger	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8 05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	5-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8 15 (Mon)	21-15 (Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13 50
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier
Frontier Mail (on Saturday only)

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: March 6.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing at 5 p.m.
Broach A/M	270 1/2	268 3/4	269 3/4
Broach J/A	280	278 1/4	279 1/4
Oomra Mar.	240	237 1/2	240
Oomra May	244	242	244
Oomra July	249 3/4	247 1/2	249 1/4
Bengal Mar.	201 3/4	200	201 3/4
Bengal May	204 1/2	203	204 1/4
Bengal July	207 3/4	206	207 3/4

Night Session—

	Opening Rs.	Highest	Lowest	Closing
Broach A/M	269 1/2	269 1/2	268 1/4	269 1/2
Broach J/A	Rs. 279			

Trade And Spot House Buying In New York Cotton Market

MARCH LIQUIDATION AND SCATTERED HEDGING

Absence Of Incentives Restricts Operations

Bombay: March 8.

On Thursday the New York cotton market was easily influenced either way by small orders with the holiday in Bombay and the absence of incentives restricting operations.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady Trade and spot house buying met scattered hedging and March liquidation. Later the market backed and filled narrowly on the issuance of ten additional notices being promptly stopped. The market closed steady.

As repeatedly pointed out there is no fresh development to induce speculative activity and had it not been fairly active trading by Bombay operators either open or on straddle account, perhaps, we would not have been able to find even narrow fluctuations which are at present recorded by the New York market. Both bullish and bearish factors are well discounted and at present there is more disposition to await developments at Washington and in Europe.

As far as the cotton is considered, the start for the next crop is four weeks late and the area under cultivation is likely to be below last year. At the same time parity payments are reduced slightly and the question of loans and export subsidy are still to be decided.

At the opening March was quoted one pt. up at 10.98 and with scattered prices improved one point further and March was quoted at 11.99 which was the highest level. Later on there was scattered selling and March declined to 10.96 which improved to be the low est level for the day and was reached at noon. Thereafter the market was fairly steady and finally closed at a net rise of 2 to 5 points. Spot cotton prices improved 5 pts. at 11.08c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quietly steady with scattered buying and closed at a rise of 2 to 5 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 5 pts. at 10.63c per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened with a decline of 3 points with May 7.92. After hedging by outside interests the market steadied on local support and improving Egyptians and trade calling. Later on there was hedging against American cotton, otherwise the market was dull. Prices went 2 to 9 pts. down. Middling American spot cotton prices improved one point at 8.06d per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was irregular with a restricted business. Uppers futures closed 4 to 1 point up with spot 8 points higher at 10-12d. Giza futures closed unchanged to one point down.

The Alexandria cotton market was fairly steady with a slightly better enquiry. Sakels futures closed 8 to 13 points up and Ashmouni futures gained 10 to 13 points.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York: March 7.

March Highest (10-3 a.m.)	11.04—02
March Lowest (10-58 a.m.)	10.94—12
March Highest (10-5 a.m.)	10.99—02
March Lowest (12-24 p.m.)	10.96—01

Liverpool: March 6.

May Highest	7.97+04
May Lowest	7.93

Liverpool: March 7.

May Highest	7.94—01
May Lowest	7.92—03

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York.—Small market with firm undertone.

NEW YORK COTTON
(New Contracts)

New York: March 7.

March	11.14+04
May	10.94+04
July	10.59+02
October	9.85+04
December	9.72+04

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: March 7.

March	10.99+02
May	10.82+05
July	10.47+04
October	9.85+04
Middling Spot	11.08+05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans: March 7.

March	11.12+02
May	10.93+05
July	10.58+05
Middling Spot	10.53+05

11 a.m. Rates. Noon Call

March	10.98	10 95
May	10.80	10.73
July	10.46	10 44

N. YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York: March 7.

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	12,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	Nil.
Day's exports to the Continent	11,000 bales
Day's exports to China and Japan	Nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool: March 7.

March	7.83—04
April	7.88—03
May	7.92—03
June	7.94—03
July	7.77—02
August	7.94—02
September	7.88—02
October	7.80—02
November	7.74—02
December	7.72—02
January	7.70—02
February	7.67—02
March	7.65—02
Middling Spot	8.06+01

10-45 a.m. QUOTATIONS

May	7.92
October	7.79

TIBET OWNS HIGHEST POST OFFICE IN WORLD

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Situated at an altitude of 15,000 feet, the Pharijong Post Office of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department in Tibet is perhaps the highest post office in the world.

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BI-WEEKLY MULE SERVICE.

The mail service by the new route via Nathu-La is carried first by motor mail services daily between Giellekhola and Gangtok from the rail head at Giellekhola of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway to Gangtok and thence by a bi-weekly mule service to Gyantse via Yatung and Pharijong. A letter posted at Calcutta is received at Pharijong in the evening of the third day and Gyantse at 7 a.m. of the fifth day provided it reaches Gangtok on the Tibetan mail day.

LONDON SEEDS

London: March 7.

Rozario Santa Fe unquoted.
Barletta Russo 24/3 March/April quoted.
South Australian Parcels, Shipment F.O.B. 25/9 March quoted.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London: March 7.

	This week £
Total bullion	1,300,000
Public deposits	2,500,000
(a) Other deposits	69,300,000
Government securities	137,300,000
(b) Other securities	25,700,000
Notes and Coin	47,000,000
Notes in circulation	534,300,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	24.50 per cent
(a) Other deposits include bankers	128,000,000
(b) Other securities include Discount	3,000,000
Total deposits	191,800,000
Total securities	163,000,000

LONDON BULLION MARKET.

London, Jan. 31.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. have issued the following report:—

GOLD.

The gold held in the Issue Department of the Bank of England on January 24th amounted to £219,561 at 168s. per fine ounce showing no change as compared with the previous Wednesday.

The Bank of England's buying price for gold has remained unchanged at 168s per fine ounce.

SILVER.

The week under review opened with a fall of 3/16d. in the cash and 1/4d. in the two months' quotation, prices on the 25th instant being fixed at 21.13/16d. and 213/4d. for the respective deliveries after having ruled unchanged at 22d. for both quotations for the previous four working days. A little Indian and speculative buying caused a slight recovery on January 26th to 21.15/16d. and 21-7/8d.; subsequent movements were sharply downward until yesterday when there was a drop of 3/4d. for cash and 13/16d. for two months' to 21.1/16d. and 20.15/16d. Absence of support was mainly responsible for the fall, which followed a heavy decline in silver prices in Bombay where, it is reported, substantial purchases have been made in that market during the past week by the Indian Government.

To-day, with sellers holding back, there was an upward reaction and prices were quoted level at 21-3/8d. for both cash and two months' delivery.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: March 8.

Following a rise of 5 pts. in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 269 for Broach A/M delivery, but the markets opened quiet at Rs. 266/8 as a result of improvement in sterling in term of dollar. There was moderate business passing and prices fluctuated between Rs. 265 and Rs. 267/4 and finally settled at Rs. 266/8. It appears that in the absence of persistent support prices are weakening and as pointed out before, the effect of general strike in Bombay mills is now being felt and there was some tired long liquidation. The market remains a narrow trading affair and professionals have no inclination to increase risks in view of approaching settlement.

Later on there were unfounded rumours which influenced selling and Broach A/M declined to Rs. 265/4. Liverpool market opened at a decline of 2 points and later was 2 points up and in the local market Broach was quoted at Rs. 266/12. Later on the market was quiet and closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach	April/May	Rs. 265/8
F G M G Broach	July/August	Rs. 275/8
Fine M G Oomra	March	Rs. 237/0
Fine M G Oomra	May	Rs. 241/0
Fine M G Oomra	July	Rs. 246/0
F G M G	Bengal March	Rs. 198/8
F G M G	Bengal May	Rs. 201/8
F G M G	Bengal July	Rs. 204/8

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach—
A/M below Liverpool May 172 penny pts.
J/A below Liverpool July 155 penny pts.
A/M below New York May 41 cent pts.
J/A above New York July 20 cent pts.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria: March 7.

SAKEL	GIZA	ASHMOUNI
Mar. 18.98+18	Mar. 17.80+07	Mar. 17.64+10
May 19.47+09	May 18.42+06	July 17 95+13

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool: March 7.

DELY.	UPPERS.	GIZA.
Spot	10.12+8	10.41+7
March	9.92+4	10.12—1
May	10.06+4	10.23—1
July	10.16+4	10.36—0
October	10.16+4	10.52—1
December	10.13+1 Nov.	10.56—0
January	10.13+1	10.60—0

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay: March 8.

		Rs.as.ps.
Castorseeds	May—	
	Opening	50 14 0
	Highest	51 4 0
	Lowest	50 12 0
	Closing	50 12 0
Groundnuts	May—	
	Opening	39 9 6
	Highest	39 14 3
	Lowest	39 9 0
	Closing	39 11 0
Cottonseeds	May—	
	Opening	26 8 0
	Highest	26 8 6
	Lowest	26 7 3
	Closing	26 8 0

LONDON EXCHANGES

T T London on—
New York 4.02 1/2—4.03 1/2; Paris 176 1/3 176 3/4; Madrid 38.60; Montreal 4.43/4.47; Amsterdam 7.53/7.58; Brussels 23.70/23.85; Milan 77.00; Berne 17.85/17.95; Copenhagen 20.31; Stockholm 16.85/16.95; Oslo 17.65/17 75.

LONDON RUBBER

London: March 7.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. 13-5/16 sellers.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay: March 8.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 97-8.
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101/12
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 98/4
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 94/6
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 104-4
5 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108/4
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 105-8
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 114
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 101-11
3 per cent 7953/65 Loan 92-12

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112-6
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 110-8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 105-8
4 per cent M. Deb 1947 104/8
5 per cent M. Deb. 1959 115/0
6 per cent M. Deb. 1954 121/0
6 per cent K. P. T 1956 120/12
Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: March 8.

B. C. RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 8th Sept.
LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 8th September
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 8th Sept.
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 one month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 4 months 1/6 1/4 Two months
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 333 1/2
Bank's buying T T 330
Bank's buying D D 328 1/2
PARIS:—
Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1340
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 50 1/8
Bank's buying T T 79 1/8
Bank's buying 60 days 78 1/8
AMSTERDAM:—
Bank's selling D D 55 1/8
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 54 5/8
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 83 7/8
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 25 1/4
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
CROSS RATE:—
Hongkong/London 1/2 31/32 8th inst.
Shanghai/London 0/4 5/16 8th inst.
Java/London 7.46/54 8th inst.
New York/London 3.93 7/8 7th inst.
London/New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 7th inst.
London/Paris 176 1/2—3/4 7th inst.
London/Italy 77.00 7th inst.
London/Belgium 23.70/85 7th inst.
London/Switzerland 17.85/95 7th inst
London/Stockholm 16.85/95 7th inst.
London/Amsterdam 7.53/58 7th inst.
London/Japan 1/2 11/32 7th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.
Gold £8/8/0 7th inst.
Silver London Ready 21 1/8 7th inst.
Silver London Forward 21 7th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 7th inst
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 7th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 7th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1 1/4 per cent.
3 months 2 per cent.
6 months 1 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS.

London: March 7.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS—

3 per cent	81 3/4
3 1/2 per cent	94 3/4
3 1/2 p.c. 1954/69	103
4 p.c. 1948/53	108
4 1/2 p.c. 1950/55	112
4 1/2 p.c. 1958/68	114
5 p.c. 1942/47	107 1/8
3 p.c. 1949/52	98
2 1/2 p.c. British Consols	73 7/8
3 1/2 p.c. War Loans	84 1/2
4 p.c. Funding Loan 1960/90	113
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	56/3

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bombay: March 8.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
3 1/2 per cent 94/4; 4 per cent 1960/70 108 5 per cent 1945/55 112/6

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 101/8; Bank of Hindusthan 21/4; Bank of India 141/8; Central Bank 37; Imperial Bank F P 1512/8; Imperial Bank P P 368/12; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 109/12; Union Bank 5/12/6

TEXTILES

Ahmd. New Textiles 450; Ambica 272/8; Arun 221/4; Arvind 1350; Asok 220; Bharatkhand Textiles 2200; Bombay Dyeing 930; Buckingham and Carnatics 220; Calico 755; Central India 290; Century 295; Colaba 156/14; Elgin 155/10; Gokak 186/4; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 38/12; Jubilee 266/4; Khatau Makanji 115/10; Kohinoor 375/10; Laxmi Cotton 502/8; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 107/8; Morarji 195; Mysore 105 Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 353/12; Raipur 700; Rajnagar 150; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/11; Sholapur 3690; Simplex 107/8; Swadeshi 258/2; Vishnu 1395; Podar Mills 180

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord 1547/8; Tata Hydro Ord 159/6; Tata Power Ord 1357/8

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 152/8; Ajmer Electrics 10/9; Amalgamated 10/8; Bombay Suburban 162/8; Bombay Tram 129/6; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 155.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 502/8; Associated Cements 120; Belapur 216/4; Bombay Burma New 201/4; Bombay Burma Old 620; Bombay Steam 298/2; Bombay Telephone 90; Br B Petrol 4/14; Burma Corporation 6/12; Dalmia Cement 9/12; Indian Bleaching 110; Industrial Investment Trust 44/12; Indian Radio Ord 467/8; Indian Radio Defd 447/8; Indian Copper 2/7; Indian Iron 37/4; Mysore Sugar 43/8; Port Canning 74/4; Premier Construction 87; Rohtas Industries 21; Scindia Steam 18/5; Shivrajpur 42; Steel Corp. of Bengal 21; Tata Oil 51/8; Tata Steel Ordinary 388/8; Tata Steel Defd 2080

JUTES

Birla Jute 23; Howrah 56/4; Hukumchand 7/12; Kamarhatty 520; Kankanarrah 425. Lawrence 425; Reliance 62.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London: March 7.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£ 68 1/2
INDIAN STOCK—	
3 p.c. 1948	£ 81 3/4
3 1/2 p.c. 1931 or later	£ 94 3/4
4 1/2 p.c. 1950/55	£112
Consols 2 1/2 p.c.	£ 73 7/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 p.c. 1961	£ 98 7/8
War loan 3 1/2 p.c.	£ 99 1/2
Funding loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	£113
Victory bonds	£110
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	£ 0 3/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, London register	£ 92
National Bank of India	£ 30 1/2

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York: March 7.

May	1.91
July	1.97
September	2.02
November	2.05

Share Bazar Quiet With Scattered Selling

STEELS DOWN BUT DYEING IMPROVES

Narrow Market With Uncertain Feeling

BOMBAY, March 8.

The local Share Bazar was quietly steady to-day but there was some tired unloading and professional selling on unfounded rumours. Tata Steels were quiet but Bombay Dyeing Shares were steady on dividend reports.

Bombay: March 8.

The local Share Bazar opened quiet in sympathy with the decline in raw cotton prices, but during the middle of the session there was slightly improved demand and prices hardened few points from the opening level, but towards the close there was some tired liquidation which wiped off the improvement. The market was dull and the business was moderate with prices fluctuating within a comparatively narrow range.

Approaching holidays and low commodity prices discourage buyers and while the market ignored the general textile strike in local mills, it finds difficult to attract sustained demand. As a matter of fact, extensive covering weakened the technical situation. The market was influenced to some extent by unfounded rumours.

Wall-Street sentiment was more cheerful and after encountering resistance, undertone improved with minor gains predominating the session closing irregular. However, with the volume of business disappointing, buyers were wary owing to the belief that any rally would be short-lived. U. S. Steel shares declined 3/8 at 58 5/8 and Anaconda Copper shares remained unchanged at 29 3/4. General Motors improved 1/4 at 54 dollars.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2090 and after declining to Rs. 2075 advanced to Rs. 2122/8 but again weakened to Rs. 2082/8 Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 390 and after advancing to Rs. 396 declined to Rs. 389/8. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 925 and advanced to Rs. 946 and finally closed at Rs. 931/4. It was rumoured that Dyeings will be given a dividend of Rs. 25 and a bonus of Rs. 10. Century Mill shares closed at Rs. 295/8 and Central Indias closed at Rs. 290. Associated Cements closed at Rs. 120 and Burma shares closed at Rs. 621/4.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay: March 8.

Bombay Dyeing	925	931	945	936	940	927	931
Century	296	301	300	302	296	295/8	
Central India	295	292	294	290			
Kohinoor	375	381	343	375	377		
New Great	360	361	363	362	366	358	356
Simplex	108	107/8					
Swadeshi	262	261	263	259			

Associated Cement 120/8 121 120/12 120
Andhra 1550
Tram Ordinary 129/12
Tata Hydro 150
Tata Power 1357 1362 1360
Tata Steel Defd 2080 2075 2105 2110 2105 2117 2122 2092 2082
Tata Steel Ordinary 390 394 393 395 394 396 390 389/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref 144/8 144
Bellapur 219 221 218 216/8
Bombay Burma 622 628 621

60	MYSORE	105 0
200	NEW GREAT	355 0
100	Osmanshahi	35 0
100	Phoenix	280 0
25	SASSOON SILK	78 0
1000	Sholapur	3680 0
50	SIMPLEX	107 8
100	SWADESHI	259 0
100	SWAN	152 0
500	Vishnu	1300 0
1000	Western	900 0
	BANKS	
50-100	Baroda	101 8
25-50	Central	37 0
500	Imperial	1512 8
125-500	Imp. Conty.	368 12
50-100	India	141 8
100	Reserve Bank	109 12
5	Union	5-12-6
	CEMENTS	
100	ASSOCIATED	120 12
	INSURANCE	
100	Empire	630 0
15-100	Jupiter	9 8
20	Mercantile	49 0
15-75	New India	38 8
200	Oriental	4350 0
10-50	Vulcan	2
	ELECTRIC	
100	Ahmed. Old	152 8
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1550 0
10	Ajmer	10 4
50	BOMBAY TRAM	129 12
100	Bombay Suburban	162 8
10	Broach	11 12
100	Karachi	190 0
100	Poona	185 0
100	Surat	155 0
100	TATA HYDRO	160 8
100	TATA POWER	1350 0
	RAILWAYS	
500	Ahmedabad Prantij	957 8
100	C. Province	97 0
100	Dh. Baramati	96 0
100	Gujarat	95 0
100	Mandra Bhon	91 5
100	Pachora Jamner	72 0
100	Sara Serajganj	33 4
500	Tapti Valley	760 0
	MININGS	
9	Burma Corporation X.D.	6 12
2sh.	Indian Copper	2 7
10	Indian Iron and Steel	37 8
15	SHIVRAJPUR	42 0
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	2082 0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	389 8
	MISCELLANEOUS	
100	ALCOCK	505 0
10	Air Services	5 0
50	BELLAPUR SUGAR	216 8
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	621 4
250	BOMBAY STEAM	299 0
125	B. BURMA	621 4
50	B. BURMA CONT.	201 4
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	4 14 3
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	92 0
100	IND. BLEACHING	112 0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	44 12
100	Ind. Radio Def.	457 8
100	Indian Radio Ord.	470 0
100	Port Canning	74 4
30	PREMIER CON.	87 8
15	Scindia	18 5
25	Tata Oil Mill	51 8
100	Western I. Match	137 8
	PREFERENCE	
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1420 0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	283 12
7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	74 0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	565 0
6	1/4 p.c Prem Const 1st	108 0
6	1/4 p.c. Prem Const 2nd	101 12
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	142 8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1495 0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref	200 0
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	144 0
7	p.c. Vishnu	680 0
	DEBENTURES	
3	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	100 0
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	103 10
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	50 4
7	p.c. Sholapur	75 0
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	103 8

(Capital letters indicate shares on forward list.)

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, March 8.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	310	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	931	4
100	CENTURY	295	8
100	CENTRAL INDIA	290	0
100	COLABA	157	0
100	Coorla	120	0
250	David	40	0
250	Dawn	390	4
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 7	6
100	FINLAY	153	0
100	GOKAK	187	0
1000	Hindustan	1880	0
100	Indore	39	4
100	Khatau	115	10
100	KOHINOOR	377	0
250

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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON SEVEN POINTS DOWN

Silver And Cotton Decline In Local Markets

LACK OF FOLLOW-UP ON BUYING SIDE

BOMBAY, MARCH 8

THE NEW YORK COTTON WAS OVERSHADOWED BY DISAPPOINTING OVERSEAS CABLES WHICH INDUCED CONSIDERABLE MARCH LIQUIDATION AND OUTSIDE SELLING. THE PRESSURE WAS NOT AGGRESSIVE AND IN CONSEQUENCE MOVEMENTS WERE RESTRICTED.

BROACH DECLINED DURING LATE TRADING ON RENEWED LIQUIDATION. SILVER TOO RELAPSED ON LACK OF BUYING POWER.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MAY 1940
New York, March 8

Previous closing	10.82
To-day's opening	10.78
Difference	—4
To-day's closing	10.75
Difference	—07

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 264
Broach July/August	Rs. 274

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MAY 1940
Liverpool, March 8

Previous closing	7.92
To-day's opening	7.90
Difference	—02
To-day's closing	7.84
Difference	—08

N. Y COTTON MARKET

New York, March 8

The trading in May began at 10.78 i.e. four points lower than the last closing.

Prices eased on lower Liverpool and Bombay advices and March liquidation but thereafter the pressure subsided with May hovering around opening level.

BOMBAY COTTON
Night Session.

Bombay, March 8

In the local market Broach A/M opened to-night at Rs. 266 declined to Rs. 263-8 and finally closed at Rs. 264. Broach J/A was quoting at Rs. 274.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 8

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange :—

March (10.98/98) 10.96/96
May (10.81/81) 10.78/77
July (10.48/48) 10.42/41

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool, March 8

American March (7.86) 7.83
American May (7.94) 7.93
Giza March (10.16) 10.21
Giza May (10.27) 10.32

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, March 8.

SEEDS.

Castorseeds March April (£20 3/4 quoted) £20 5/8 quoted
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£18 1/4 quoted) £17 7/8 quoted
Linseed La Plata March April (£15 3/4 quoted) £15 3/4 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal March April (£15 1/8 quoted £15 quoted

JUTES

Dundee March (£57) £57
Lightning March (£53) £53

RUBBER

Spot (12 5/16d paid and value) 12 1/4d paid and value
Forward May (12d paid and buyers) 12d paid and sellers

METALS

Tin (£255 1/4 buyers £255 1/2 sellers. Very Steady) £256 1/4 buyers £256 3/4 sellers. Firm.
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 6 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, March 8

Previous closing	3.94
To-day's opening	3.93

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, March 8

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T LONDON ON PARIS
London, March 8

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London, March 8

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day :—

Little general buying. Bear covering. Market steady

LONDON SILVER
London, March 8

Spot (21 1/8d) 21 5/16d+3/16
Forward (21d) 21 1/4d+1/16

LONDON GOLD
London, March 8

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8 8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 8

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 175.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1 6) 1 6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.28) 30.28
London on Milan (77.00) 77.50
London on Shanghai (0-4 to 0-4 5/16) 0-4 to 0-4 5/16
London on Kobe (1-2 3/8 to 1-2 15/32) 1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS
Latest Night Quotations

Bombay, March 8

Wheat May	4	4	3
Wheat September	4	5	6
Linseed May	6	14	3
Linseed September	7	4	9
Groundnuts May	39	9	0
Castorseeds May	50	8	0
Cottonseeds May	26	7	9

BOMBAY BULLION
Latest Night Quotations.

Bombay, March 8

Silver Ready	58	15	0
Silver Fagan	59	3	0
Silver Chaitra	59	8	0
Gold Ready	42	11	3
Gold Fagan	42	13	0
Gold Chaitra	42	15	0
Sovereigns	27	10	6

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 8

The following are the opening quotations :—

General Motors (dol 54 1/8) dol 54 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 30 1/2) dol 30
U S Steel Commons (dol 59 3/8) dol 59 1/8
U S Steel Preference (dol 112 1/2) unquoted

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED

Bombay, March 8

Lionel Edward's Norwegian ss Tai Pieng Yang of 3806 reg tons. Captain A Toft arrived from Dairen with passengers and general cargo.

SAILED

Norwegian Oil Tanker Sandefford, Captain Torjertosjensen sailed for Abadan in water ballast Agents J. Mackintosh

O S Kaisha's Japanese ss Sumatra Maru Captain K Olde sailed for Yokohama, with cotton and general cargo.

Lloyd Triestino Company's Italian s s Carnia, Captain G Bartoli sailed for Marseilles with general cargo.

B I S N Company' American s s Kainalu Captain W H Turquist sailed for Calcutta with general cargo.

LOADING

The following vessels booked for loading on 8-3-1940.

Japanese ss Tango Maru
American ss Pres. Garfield.
Italian ss Conte Biancamano.

IMPORTS

540 cases milk powder; 282 cases sauce; 61 cases honey; 155 cases preserves; 323 bxs butter; 200 cases vegetables; 490 cases jams; 175 cases cud fruit; 50 cases cordial; 31503 bundles boxboards; 500 bales cotton; 325 casks bacon; 187 bags bete nuts; 317 casks tallow; 570 bales sed wool; 550 cases apples; 1340 bags borax; 1303 drums chemicals; 5888 bags actuated clay; 4135 bales old newspapers; 6750 pcs fir lumber; 1913 bags copra; 300 bags wax; 100 cases cud salmon; 100 sacks gunny bags; 6910 bales paper; 452 cases stl hinges and accessories; 67 bundles wall boards; 110 cases wire nails, 33 cases refrigerators and parts; 50 cases cud meat; 48 cases enam hallowware; 184 mats empty glass bottles; 4653 cases nails; 50 cases bullock nails; 100 cases codliver oil; 126 bales boards.

EXPORTS

616 bags myrabollams J Moolchand and Co; 29 bales goat hair H E Dossa; 300 bales raw cotton M Amersey and Co; 100 bales raw cotton Khimji Vishram and Sons; 500 bales raw cotton Kotak and Co; 1000 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha; 2666 bags castorseed B Pahadrai; 25 bales cotton waste Shantilal and Co; 640 bags gr nut kernals G Gokalchand; 3200 bags castor seeds K Devchand and Co Ltd; 395 bales cotton twist waste Barot Bros and Co; 500 bales cotton waste L O Vora; 20 bags kamala powder Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 6870 bags castorseed L Dreyfus and Co; 163 bales d/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 29 bales ctn pcegoods B Balwant and Co; 382 bags myrabollams P Mathradas and Co Ltd; 150 tins vegetable products H Abdeali; 50 pkgs gum A Abdulla and Co; 54 jottas gum F Manji and Co; 35 bags real ooplate E Manji and Co; 143 bags ctn pcegoods Herbert Sons Ltd; 80 bags ctn twist waste Supt T Products (India) Ltd; 320 bags ctn waste Supt T Products (India) Ltd; 15 bags ctn grey yarn H Abdeali; 40 pkgs gum H Abdeali; 15 cases cardamoms Eastern Export Co; 70 bales ctn grey yarn J Jeewan and Co; 25 bags ooplet roota J Jeewan and Co; 200 bales raw cotton K Devchand and Co Ltd; 200 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 700 bales raw cotton N Nagsee and Co; 200 bales raw cotton J Jeevan and Co; 200 bales raw cotton A Khimjee and Co.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Securities Active

MADRAS, March 8

Planting shares came in for a good turnover in the local market. Cotton mills were firm while Engineerings remained steady. Papers and sugars came in for a good enquiry. Government securities were active with a good turnover in most of loans.

Transactions: Buckinghams 220, 220/8 and 222 cd; Mettur Industries 110; Kaleeswarar 277; Lakshmi 41/5; Coorg 25/12; Chembra 25/15/6 and 3; Nellithanams 5/12; United Nilgiri 112 and 112/8; Mamallay Tea 18/10, and 18/12; Cochin Rubber 13/8 small lot; Kalpettas 16/4 and 16/8; Midlands 4/10; Vellamalai 10/4; Duchteriony Debs 101; Trichy Srirangams 162 (ten paid) and 16/4; East Tanjore 13/2; Travancore Sugar 83/6 and 13/12 and 13/14; Mysore Tobaccos 7/6, Mysore Chemicals 11/4 and 11/8; Mysore Paper 13/6.

Second All-India Wheat Forecast

The Director-General of Commercial Intelligence, Calcutta, has issued the following second All-India wheat forecast for 1939-40 :—

The total area under cultivation is estimated to be 33,189,000 acres, against 32,492,000 last year, an increase of two per cent. The present condition of the crop is reported to be good on the whole.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI, March 8

To-day's closing quotations :—

Sind Cotton March	26	0	0
May	26	1	0
Punjab March	21	0	0
May	21	2	3
FFF March	29	14	0
May	29	15	3
Tone :—Dull.			
Wheat March	29	9	3
July	30	13	9
Tone :—Dull			
Gram July	30	3	6
Toria March	41	10	3
May	43	0	0
July	43	13	0
Cottonseed March	22	11	6
May	23	9	0
July	23	9	0

3½ P.C. STERLING LOAN

London March 8

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £95

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS
London, March 8

3 per cent Indian Stock (£98) £98
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£94 3/4) £95
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£112) £112
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£114) £114
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£108) £108
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107 1/8) £107 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1964/58 (£103) £103

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£107) £107

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£73 7/8) £73 7/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 7/8) £98 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 7/8) £101 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£113) £112 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£99 1/2) £99 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110) £110

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (12-0) 12-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52-7 1/2) 52-7 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3) dol 3 1/4
Electric Music Industry (9-6) 9-6
Princhin Johnson (22-6) 22-3
Imperial Chemicals (32-3) 32-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary (64-6) 64-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£39 3/4) £40 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (33-9) 34-4 1/2
Unilever Ordinary (32-7 1/2) 32-7 1/2
Ford Motors (16-9) 16-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£61) £61
British American Tobacco Ordinary (103-1 1/2) 103-1 1/2
Carreas 'A' (£6) £6
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (128-0) 128-0
P and O Def (23-6) 23-6
Distillers (66-6) 66-6
Bredfords Dye (6-1 1/2) 6-1 1/2
British Celanese (8-0) 8-0
J and P Coates Ordinary (36-9) 37-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (36-9) 36-6
Fine Cotton Spinners (5 9) 5-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (20-3) 20-3
Inter Nickel (dol 47 1/4) dol 47
Indian Iron (56-3) 56-3

TEA SHARES

Assam (18-9) 19-4 1/2
Donaro Tea (32-0) 31-3
Empire of India (25-0) 24-4 1/2

JUTES

Barnagore (£9 1/4) 9 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (25-3) 25-3
Gula Kelampong (21-10 1/2) 21-10 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (34-3) 34-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (30-0) 30-3
Burma Corporation (10-0) 10-0
Rio Tintos (£14 3/4) £14 3/4
East Rand Properties (45-7 1/2) 45-7 1/2
Rand Mines (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£13 7/8) £13 3/4
Associated Portland Cement (55-7 1/2) 55-10 1/2
Trinidad Leaseholds (76-3) 75-0
Sub Nigel (£9 3/8) £9 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (26-10 1/2) 26-10 1/2
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (26-3) 26-3
Anglo Indian (55-7 1/2) 54-4 1/2
Burma Oil (71-10 1/2) 71-3
Mexican Eagle (6-10 1/2) 6-7 1/2
Shell Transport (80-7 1/2) 78-9
Royal Dutch (£33 1/2) £33 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£47 1/2) £47 1/4
London Midland Ordinary (£21 3/4) £22 1/8
London North Eastern Def (£3 1/4) £3 3/8
London Southern Def (£20 3/4) £21 1/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£119 1/2) £119 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£46) £45

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Quiet But Steady

CALCUTTA, March 8

Jutes: Less activity was again noticed on this counter due to lack of outside support and business was also recorded on a very meagre scale. Coals section ruled quiet but steady. Teas neglected. Miscellaneous: Speculative issues were shade quieter market to-day. Paper shares also displayed easier movements while B. I. Corpn ruled quietly steady. Government securities continued very firm market.

The following are closing rates :—

Government securities: 3 per cent loan 1951-54 98/12 small lot; 3 per cent loan 1963-65 93/3; 3 per cent G P 81; 3 1/2 per cent G P 94; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947-50 104/9; small odd lot; 4 per cent loan 1960-70 108/5; 5 per cent loan 1945/55 112/9; small lot; 5 per cent U P Bonds 1944 108/2 ct.

Banks: Imperial fully paid 1505; do conty 371; Reserve 108/4.

Cottons. Dunbar ord 187 ex div; mall lot; Cawnpore Textiles 6/1; Elgin Mills ord 158; Kesoram 5/6; New Victoria Pref 3/15.

Coals: Amalgamated 30 ct; Bengal 3/2; Bhalgora 5/12; Bokaro and Ramgur 16/4; ct; Burrakur 14/4; Central Kurkend 16/10; Dhemo Main 16/10; Hurriladih 13/14; Kuardi 3; Kajora Pref 10/10; Jainty Central 2/6; North Damuda 6; Pench Valley 36; Seebpore 24 prem ct; South Karanpura 5/8.

Jutes: Adamjee ord 24/5; Alliance pref 124/8; Anglo India 388; Birla 22/6; Calcutta Jute pref 97; Clive 55/6; Hukumchand ord 7; small odd lot; do pref 80; small odd lot; Kamarhatty 505; ex div; Naskarpara 16; Waverley 2.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 6/11 ex div; Indian Copper 2/6; Dalmia Cement pref 94; Alkali and Chemical pref 132; Bengal Chemical pref 16/4; Bengal Telephone pref 13/4; Jubbulpore Elec 12/12; Jhansi Elec 8/12; Braithwaite and Co Nine Indian Malleable Casting def 2/2; Indian Steel and Wire Products conty 5/10; Indian Iron 37/4; Kumardhubi Eng ord 5; Steel Corpn ord 21/2; Dunlop Rubber ord 106/8; Bengal Paper ord 120/8; ct; Mysore Paper 13/6; Star Paper 6/11; Titaghur Paper A and B ord 31/14; Midnapore Zemindary pref 121; Indian Gen Navgn ord 95/4; Buland Sugar 16; Carew and Co ord 10/10; Hatisikhira Tea 20; Rydak 61/8.

Debentures: 4 per cent 1934 Calcutta Improvement Trust 104/4 small lot.

INDIA'S SUGAR PRODUCE IN 1939-40

NEW DELHI, March 8

The first memorandum on the production of sugar directly from cane in India during 1939-40, issued by the Director, Imperial Institute of Sugar Technology, Cawnpore, places the production at 998,700 tons as against the actual production of 650,600 tons in 1938-39. The number of factories expected to work is 143 as against 139 in the previous season. The quantity of cane expected to be crushed is 10,772,500 tons as against the actual amount crushed of 7,004,800 tons in 1939-39.

The percentage recoveries of sugar and molasses are estimated to be 9.27 and 3.52 respectively as compared with the actual recoveries of 9.29 and 3.46 in the previous season.—A. P.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: March 8.

Yellow Metal Sheets	Rs. 57
Copper Sheets	Rs. 75

Tone :—Steady.

TO CAPTURE SHARE OF FLAX MARKET

Indian Central Jute Committee's Plans Of Research Work

CALCUTTA, March 8

In an effort to capture a share of the world's flax market, the Indian Central Jute Committee decided at its final session today that research should be made at the Committee's Technological Laboratories into fine jute yarns, jute blended with flax, and into weaving.

It is believed that India may be able to obtain a permanent share in the flax market, and machines are to be installed as soon as possible at the laboratories to test the flax grown in India during the coming season.

STABILISATION OF INDUSTRY

The Committee also appointed a sub-Committee to draw up proposals for the stabilisation of the jute industry, which since the middle of last year has been suffering from violent fluctuations in the connected markets. These proposals will be circulated to the industry for opinion and will then be passed on to the Government's concerned.

It was decided in addition to ask the United Provinces Government, amongst other things, to have the jute acreage of the Province recorded separately in future. —A. P.

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay: March 8.

	To-day.	Total
Bengal March	50	1850
Oomra March	250	2350

JAPAN'S "NO" TO BOMBAY SPINNERS

Existing Agreement Should Not Be Prolonged

OSAKA, March 7.

According to the Domei News Agency the Indo-Japanese Trade Conference Preparation Committee has issued a statement denying the rumour that Japanese cotton merchants are satisfied with the proposal of Bombay spinners that the existing agreement should be prolonged in view of the delay in arriving at an understanding on a revised agreement.

The statement adds that Japanese claims stand exactly as stated by the Japan Federation of Spinners' Associations at the end of July last year, namely, firstly, lowering of the rate of tariff on cotton textile imports from Japan secondly, increase in the proportion of printed and bleached cloth in the import quotas; and thirdly, cotton piecegoods and raw cotton link system should be rectified in accordance with the actual situation.

LIQUOR SHOPS CLOSED DOWN

U. P. Govt. Continues Prohibition Policy

LUCKNOW, March 8.

The Government of the United Provincse have decided to abolish from April 1 two country liquor shops in Cawnpore. The number of shops is thus reduced to eight and is likely to be reduced in the near future to seven.

Mr. Panna Lal Adviser to the Governor said that in future labourers could no longer get unsealed country liquor. Government had decided to close country liquor shops on Sundays and limit selling hours on other week days to 7 p. m. instead of 8 p. m.

Government are also contemplating steps to restrict sale of country liquor on pay days of textile mill workers.—A. P.

Foundation Laying Ceremony

A quiet foundation laying ceremoney of the Vital Sayanna Sports Pavilion at Kamatipura was performed by Dewan Bahadur Narayan Vithal Sayanna.

At a meeting held in the above connection at Sayanna Maidan, the Dewan Bahadur promised to build the Pavilion in memory of his late father.

Mr. S. L. Silam and Dr. Bhusrath made suitable speeches on the occasion

INDO-JAPANESE TRADE TALKS

Expected To Be Resumed Soon

NEW DELHI, March 8.

Nearly a month has elapsed since discussions last took place between the Government of India and the Japanese Trade Delegation. The last talks were directed towards the possibility of agreeing upon terms for the revision of the existing protocol in relation to cotton piecegoods and raw cotton.

It is believed that the negotiations chiefly centred on proposals put forward by the Japanese Delegation relating to the import duty on cotton sheetings, the revision of the existing quota with particular reference to the proportion of high grade sheetings, and the amount of Japan's guaranteed minimum purchases of Indian Cotton.

The position as it emerged at the conclusion of this discussion is believed to be still receiving the consideration of the Government or India, and the talks are expected to be resumed as soon as all aspects have been fully explored and a reply is formulated. —A. P.

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 30, 1996
Muslim: Moharram 29 1359
Parsi: Meher 7, 1309
Higntide: 0-25, 12-32
Lowtide: 6-25, 18-18
Sunrise: 6h. 53m.
Sunset: 6h. 47m.

Boy Scouts' Association: Annual sports, H. E. the Governor and Lady Lumley attending, Cooperage, 2-30 p.m.
Bombay Races: Spring Meeting.
Aga Khan Hockey, Bombay Gymkhana Grounds, 4-15 p.m.
Exhibition Tennis, Brabourne Stadium, 4-15 p.m.
Mayor's tea party to Dr. M. Montessori, Corporation Hall, 4-40 p.m.

MONDAY, March 11.

Municipal Corporation, 3-40 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

JITEKAR—Haji Ibrahim, J.P., died on Friday night. Funeral at 11-30 a.m. (S.T.) to-day (Saturday) at his residence Chakla Street.

KANDIVLEE VYAYAM MANDIR.

The foundation stone of Kandivlee Vyayam Mandir will be laid by Mr. B. G. Kher on Monday next at 8 a.m.

LECTURE ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY

Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will deliver a public lecture on 'Vedanta Philosophy' at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort, to-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.)

SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC

Pandit Goswami Brahamanandji of Hyderabad (Sind) will sing in the weekly concert of the school to be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at the School Hall, 257 Vithalbhai Patel Road.

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Daily at: 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.

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To-morrow at 10-30 a.m.
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Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"Drums along the Mohawk" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Inspector Hornleigh on Holiday". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Another Thin Man". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Mighty Chang". Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 3-30 and 6-30 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Flying Deuces". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Mud". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
WEST END—"The Will." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Kum-Kum". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Gorakhnath." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Raigad". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PLAZA—"My Beloved." Time as usual.

KHAR TALUKA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the executive body will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. at the Laxminagar Hall, 16th Road, Khar.

BOMBAY YOUTHS' LITERARY AND DEBATING ASSOCIATION

There will be a public debate on the role of the "Forward Bloc" in Indian politics at the King George English School, Dadar at 10 a.m. on Sunday, the 10th instant.

SHREE YUVAK MITRA MANDAL

The twelfth annual social gathering of the Shree Yuvak Mitra Mandal was held at Framjee Cowasjee Institute Hall on Thursday evening.

After the Secretary read out the yearly report of the Mandal, the gathering was entertained to classical music by Pundit Narayan Rao Vyas, and Mimicry by Prof. G. B. Angarkar.

The Mandal is conducting a free reading room and a Yuvak Stores at Navi Hanuman Gully, Kalbadevi.

BOMBAY SEVA DAL VOLUNTEERS

The G. O. C. of the Bombay Seva Dal writes: As previously arranged a route-march of the Bombay Seva Dal Volunteers will take place on Sunday, the 10th instant. All the volunteers and new recruits of the Seva Dal are, required to be present at 5-30 a.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House in Seva Dal Uniform.

INDIAN SOAP MAKERS CONFERENCE

The sixth annual conference of the Indian Soap Makers will be held at the Indian Merchants' Chamber Hall, Bombay, on the 9th and 10th instant. Mr. S. G. Sastry, Director, Sandalwood Oil Factory, Mysore, will preside.

IMPRESSIONS OF ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Under the auspices of the Bombay Women's Association (All India Women's Conference), a public meeting (of the women and men of Bombay) will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty, when the delegates from Bombay will speak on their impressions of the Allahabad Session of the All India Women's Conference. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will preside.

CLASS ON JNANESHVARI

Swami Gunateetanand of Ramakrishna Mission will give discourse on 'Jnaneshvari" on Sunday, the 10th instant at 5-30 p.m. at Ramakrishna Library Hall, Khar Road.

GITA CLASS

Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will conduct the weekly class on 'Bhagawat Geeta' at the Mission Library Hall, Khar Road, on Sunday, the 10th instant at 9 a.m.

SOUTH INDIAN SANGEETHA SABHA

A musical entertainment by Sangeetha Ratnakara Ariyakudi Sri Ramanuja Iyengar, Vocal, Mysore Asthana Vidwan Sri. T. Chowdiah, Violin and Sri Ganesa Iyer of Nagerkoil, Mridangam on Sunday, the 10th instant at 4-15 p.m. (S.T.) at the Byramjee Jijibhoy Hall, Matunga, G. I. P.

BAHA'I ASSEMBLY

A public meeting of the Truth-seekers will be held in the Baha'i Hall, Bori Bunder, to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m. when Mr. H. M. Manji will preside and a debate will take place on the subject: "There is no reincarnation."

PT. RAMKINKER SHUKLA

Pandit Ramkinker Shukla well-known palmist and astrologer, has returned to Bombay after an absence of about two years. He is staying at 19, Krishna Building 2nd Floor, Gol-

ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. D. N. Jayaker, the Hon. Secretary of the Past Students' Association of the School (newly formed) requests all past students to join the Association and send their names, present addresses and their occupations to him C/o Xavier's High School Bombay.

YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Association, Free Hindi Classes as per Wardha Course are conducted in the premises of the Association, Vithalbhai Patel Road on every Sunday from 7-30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Mr. T. S. Gute of Belgaum, a Harijan, has been appointed Mamiatdar of Belgaum Taluka.

LECTURES BY DR. MONTESSORI

At C. J. Hall, 6-30 P. M.

Monday, 11th March: "Society and the Child". President: Mr. B. G. Kher.

Tuesday, 12th March: "The Child and the Montessori Method." President: The Hon. Sir John Beaumont, Chief Justice of Bombay. Admission will be by tickets which can be had from the Secretaries, New Education Fellowship, Hughes Road, Bombay, 7.

SUBURBAN PHYSICAL CULTURE CONFERENCE

The first session of the Bombay Suburban Physical Culture Conference will be held on Sunday the 10th instant at Tilak Mandir, Vile Parle. The Conference will be held between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. when speeches will be made and resolutions will be moved and adopted. Sjt. B. G. Kher, the ex-Prime Minister of the Government of Bombay will preside.

In the evening on the same day from 5-30 to 7 p.m. Mass Demonstrations by Boys and Girls will take place on the grounds of the Parle Tilak Vidyalaya.

Protest Against Jayaprakash's Arrest

Under the auspices of the Bombay Congress Socialist Party, a public meeting will be held at Chowpatty to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) to congratulate Mr. Jayaprakash Narain, General Secretary, All India Congress Socialist Party on his arrest. Mr Yusuf Meherally will preside and among the speakers will be Messrs. Gunanda Mazumdar, Secretary, Bengal Congress Socialist Party, Purshottum Tricumdas, Asoka Mehta and others.

Bombay National Guards Anniversary

The 5th anniversary of the Bombay National Guards will be celebrated on Sunday, the 10th instant at the Gowalia Tank Maidan Bombay 7. The social gathering will be held in the evening at 8 p.m. at Kison Mahal, Tribhuvan Road, Bombay 4.

The programme is: 7 a.m. Prabhat Pheri; 8 a.m. Flag salutation and Volunteers Rally; 9 a.m. Route March by the Guards and 8 p.m. Social gathering.

A. R. P. WARDENS' MEETING

A general meeting of Air Raid Wardens and Building Wardens Gr. "C" Sub-area Fort, North Bombay, (Bora Bazar, Bazar Gate, Modi and Channa Streets) will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8 p.m. Those who are interested should register their names at the (Office, 2nd Floor, Neptune Building, Hornby Road, (170) Fort, Bombay between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WEIGHT LIFTING TOURNAMENT

The third annual Weight Lifting Competition conducted by the Matunga Athletic Club will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 2 p.m. (S.T.) in the Asthika Samaj Hall, Matunga. Mr. C. B. Sethna will preside.

BOMBAY CENTRAL PHYSICAL CULTURE CONFERENCE

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bombay Central Physical Culture Conference will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.) in the Girgaum Vyayamshala Hall, Congress House, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Bombay, 4.

MUSLIM YOUTHS' MAJLIS

Under the auspices of the above 'Majlis' a debate will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at Habib High School Hall, Bhimpura, Dongri. The subject will be "There should be no examination." Mr. K. A. Gandhi will propose and Mr. A. Moledina will oppose.

TEXTILE ASSOCIATION (INDIA).

The members of the Textile Association (India) are hereby informed that the Harbour Cruise arranged for Sunday, the 10th instant has been cancelled owing to the Labour situation in Bombay city.

NORTH BOMBAY STUDENTS

Under the auspices of the North Bombay Students' Union, a meeting will be held to support the general strike, to-day (Saturday) at Shivaji Park (Dadar).

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Sir Badridas Goenka, Kt. C. I. E. has been unanimously elected President of the 3rd Session of the All-India Marwari Federation, to be held on March 15 at Cawnpore.

Plaintiff In The Witness-Box

DEFAMATION SUIT AGAINST MULLAJI SAHEB

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia).

Fatimabai Abdealli Tyebji .. .. Plaintiff.

v.

1. His Holiness, the Mullaji Saheb of the Bohras, 2. S. S. Saifuddin, the Amil & Representative of His Holiness

There was a capacity crowd of Bohras when the hearing of the suit filed against the Mullaji Saheb of the Dawoodi Bohra community, for having refused to declare the Plaintiff's marriage valid on the ground that her husband did not grow a beard, and for Rs. 50,000 as damage for defamation on the imputation of unchastity in living together without being lawfully married made by the Defendants in correspondence, was continued.

After the evidence of the Plaintiff's husband was over, the pretty Plaintiff herself appeared in the witness-box. In cross-examination she said that her father was an orthodox Dawoodi Bohra of Surat and that he had appointed Sir Currimbhai Ebrahim Eart., as her guardian for marriage. She however stated that though she could recite the Koran she did not understand her religious ceremonies.

CURRIMBHAI'S EVIDENCE

Sir Currimbhai Ebrahim Bart, was then called to give evidence and in cross-examination he was questioned as to the ceremonies gone through and as to the part he played in them as "wali" (guardian). He said that he took the consent of the girl and heard the ceremony.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga: Is that all you did?"

Sir Currimbhai: "Of course. What else could I do?"

The cross-examination of Sir Currimbhai is proceeding.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, with Mr. F. J. Coltman, Mr. P. B. Vaccha and Mr. M. Y. Haindaday instructed by Messrs. Wadia Gandhi & Co., appeared for the Plaintiff.

Sir J. B. Kanga with Mr. V. F. Taraporewalla and Mr. D. B. Desai instructed by Messrs. Little & Co., appeared for the Defendants.

RULE AGAINST SHAMDASANI DISCHARGED

Sanction To Prosecute For Perjury Refused

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen)

The Central Bank of India Ltd. ..... Applicants.

v.

P. I. Shamdasani .. Respondent.

This was an off-shoot of the Petition filed by the Respondent to set aside certain judgments of Sir Sajba Rangnekar on the ground that he was interested therein as a Shareholder of the Bank. That Petition was dismissed by their lordships on 9th February on the ground that Mr. Shamdasani was aware of that fact when those judgments were delivered and must therefore be taken to have waived the objection. In his Petition and affidavits in that matter, the present Respondent had stated on oath that he was not then aware of the fact of Sir Sajba being a shareholder, which statement was, on their lordships' finding in that matter, false.

The applicants now sought to move the Court under Section 476 read with Section 195 (1) (b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 for his prosecution for giving false evidence within Section 191 of the Indian Penal Code 1860. A rule had been granted by their lordships on the 1st instant which was returnable yesterday and came up for argument.

The respondent's case was that "the said petition is not "bona fide" and is made with ulterior motives" because the Bank regarded him as a bitter enemy. The Respondent contended that the Court did not think fit to sanction prosecution "suo motu" and therefore it would be against the spirit of the 1923 amendment to allow private malice to wreck revenge. The Respondent tendered an unqualified and unconditional apology to the Court and pleaded a slip of the memory.

Mr. Shamdasani: "One little slip has made me pass sleepless nights."

JUDGMENT

The Chief Justice said that Sec. 191 of the Indian Penal Code required the presence of two ingredients—(1) The statement must be false and (2) The statement must be such as the Respondent "either knows or believes to be false or does not believe to be true." It is no doubt true that the fact of Sir Sajba being a shareholder of the Bank was mentioned to the Respondent by Sir Sajba himself in 1926 as Chief Presidency Magistrate, and again in 1930 as a High Court Judge. It is therefore clear that the statement that the Respondent did not know that fact is false. All their lordships had to consider is whether it was in the public interests that prosecution should be launched. And the only clue to that would be to determine whether there is reasonable chance of conviction and whether 'a prima facie' case at least had been made out. Their Lordships were of the opinion that in this case no magistrate would convict the Respondent because the second ingredient of S. 191 had not been proved by the Applicants to be present. The information of this fact conveyed to the respondent in 1930 was under circumstances which might not have impressed it in his memory. And the information given to him in 1926 was more than 12 years old and the Respondent might have forgotten it as had Sir Sajba Rangnekar himself.

Their Lordships therefore discharged the Rule and the Court rose for the day among shouts of "Long Live the Chief Justice" from the Respondent.

Sir J. B. Kanga with Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Payne & Co. appeared for the Applicants.

The Respondent appeared in person.

ARYA SAMAJ LECTURES

A public meeting will be held at Arya Samaj, Gopitalao, Matunga to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. when Pandit Dwijender Nath will deliver a public lecture on "Dharam Updesh."

A public meeting will be held at Arya Samaj, Bora Bazar, Fort, to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. when Pandit Vijayshankar will deliver a public lecture on "Creation".

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT

That "The Ramgarh Congress Should Lift Up The Ban On Babu Subhas Bose and Mr. K. F. Nariman" will be the subject of the debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. Mr. P. R. Rao will propose and Mr. M. G. Mehkri will oppose. Miss P. N. Nariman will preside. The proposed lecture is postponed to Thursday.

DR. MOOS TO LECTURE ON "IRON LUNGS".

Tickets for admission to the lecture by Dr. F. N. Moos on "Iron Lungs" will be sent to those who apply in person or send in a stamped addressed envelope to the Honorary Secretary, G. T. Hospital Clinical Society. As the seating accommodation is limited an early application is necessary. The lecture will be delivered at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, the 27th instant in the St. Xavier's College Hall.

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Death Of Mr. Ebrahim Jitekar

Death took place yesterday of Haji Ebrahim Jitekar at his residence in Chakla Street. Mr. Jitekar was a well-known citizen of Bombay and was a member of the old Bombay Legislative Council for six years. He leaves behind him his widow, three sons and a daughter.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

The Governor of Bombay visited the Bhatia General Hospital at Tardeo.

The Governor-designate of Madras and the Hon Lady Hope, Miss Hope, Miss Jean Hope, Miss Alison Hope, Miss Barbara Hope, the Lady Susan Gilmour, Miss Knatchbull-Hugessen and Lt.-Colonel T. P. H. J. J. Kelly arrived at Government House.

The Rt Revd. the Bishop of Nasik lunched at Government House.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended a Cocktail Party given by the Officers of the Bombay Light Patrol at the Byculla Club.

The Hon. the Chief Justice of Bombay and Lady Beaumont, the Rt. Revd. the Bishop of Bombay, Sir Gilbert and Lady Wiles, Vice-Admiral H. Fitzherbert, Major-General G. de C. Glover, Dr. H. T. Sorley, Mr. L. Wilson, Sir James Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Baddeley and Mr. and Mrs. N. Vintcent dined at Government House.

PARTY TO HYDERABAD EX-MAYOR

Nawab Mir Alli Khan, Bar-at-Law, the ex-Mayor of Hyderabad was entertained at tea at the Ritz Hotel last evening by Mr. & Mrs. Joachim Alva.

The Nawab is the foremost Lawyer of Hyderabad and was one of the five members of the Reforms Committee appointed by the Nizam. He is also the leader of the Nationalist Muslims of the Hyderabad State. Amongst those present were Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. K. A. Hameed, M.L.C., Mrs. & Mr. Adolf Myers, Representative in India of Basic English, Seth Girdharlal Kotkar, Mr. M. R. Masani, Sultan Mahomed, son of the late Sultan of Makalla, Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Chagla, Mr. Purshotamdas Trikumdas, Mr. Nagindas Master, Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan M.L.A. and Seth Kochikar Padmanabh Pai and Khan Bahadur Shaikh Ali Baakza.

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APPEAL AND ANSWER

Lord Snell is but one of many Britishers who take a complacent view of the situation in India. He is not prepared, he says, to take a tragic view of the situation as he is an optimist and the difficulties in the way are not fundamental. There are many in India also who, for their own reasons, are optimistic enough. They see before them the vast movement towards independence gathering momentum every day and the hostility or light-heartedness of the British towards the movement only serves to quicken its pace. Nor do they regard the difficulties in the way as really fundamental. Only those have reason to take a tragic view of the situation who anxiously hoped that India would for ever cling to the British Empire and who have eyes to see the reality in this country. If Lord Snell is accurately reported—not a too common thing in these days of censorship—he is only making his wish the father to his thought.

Give Proof

Lord Snell appeals to India to believe that the British people as a whole are full of goodwill towards India. Indians do make a difference between the people of Britain and their present Government. Only, they want to be just as free as the Britishers themselves. They also want to be on the friendliest terms possible with other nations including Britain but that depends upon a number of circumstances. If the British people allow their Government without a protest to continue to keep India in subjection, however disguised, there can be neither peace nor friendship between India and Britain. On the contrary free India and a Britain free from the taint of imperialism have every chance of being on terms of "the most clear, definite and unbreakable friendship" as Lord Snell wants them to be. But, Lord Snell objects, there are difficulties in the way of Indian independence "which are not of our own creation," and "we must take the minorities with us in our forward march". If Lord Snell sincerely believes that Britain has neither created nor aggravated the difficulties in the way, particularly those regarding the minorities, why does she not give proof of her sincerity by supporting the Congress demand for a Constituent Assembly where minorities will formulate their own safeguards through their accredited representatives?

Congress Prepared

The difficulties between Indians and Indians are certainly not fundamental. And they will be got over with or without Britain's help. But the difficulties between India and Britain, which till recently could have been easily got over are now becoming more and more fundamental. And they are being aggravated by every attempt to cripple the Indian movement or to throw obstacles in its way. Irish history is being repeated with the difference that Indians are in no sense cousins or neighbours of the British. The Indian struggle is not going to be less uncompromising because it is non-violent. Every day the British Government in India are adding to the difficulties between the two countries. One of their latest achievements is the prosecution of Congress leaders carrying on vigorous propaganda. Pandit Jawaharlal not inaptly regards this "as determination of the Government to declare war on the Congress." And he adds that the Congress "is prepared for it and the Ramgarh session will give a fitting answer to British Imperialism." If Lord Linlithgow is anxious to secure an honourable settlement with the Congress, he must see that the policy of adding to the difficulties between the two countries is given up.

The British Way

Sir Raza Ali's cut motion in the Central Legislative Assembly to discuss "the importance of initiating a decisive policy of training Indians to undertake the defence of the country and of establishing a Defence Advisory Committee" would have been welcomed by any national Government. In opposing and throwing it out the present Government were quite consistent with their policy of neglecting Indianisation and inconsistent only with their talk of profuse sympathy for Indianisation, or rather the principle of Indianisation. Ordinarily, they would perhaps have supported the resolution with fine words and would then have quietly shelved it, as they have consistently done for years past. But they could not take any risks now and were slow even in promises.

Mr. F. E. James opposed the resolution, naturally enough. For, after all, blood is thicker than water and an Englishman could not be expected to lay an axe on his biggest privilege. But his case was anything but convincing. He would have been quite consistent and intelligible if he had said: "How can a British Government be expected to enable India, in only a few decades or generations to come, to dispense with British connection? What will then happen to the "practical difficulties" of Defence etc., that now come in so handy in opposing the claim of independence"? But Mr. James, who knows that Government were too sure of a majority to need the aid of sound argument, spoke in a manner which a schoolboy would not envy. He seriously said, for instance, that a war time was hardly the right time for normal Indianisation, that is, for the long term schemes of Indianisation. Now, those who supported Indianisation did not object to short term schemes. They wanted these as well as the normal long-term permanent schemes. They asked for Indianisation in every way and in every department of Defence. War time, far from being unsuited for such double schemes, is the very best time for them. This is clear as crystal to any normal man. And this is being done in every free country. But it is not unusual for people to have their sight blinded by self-interest, not to mention those who see one thing and say another.

Scandalous

We regret to learn that several high schools still follow the objectionable practice of dispensing with the services of their teachers annually towards the commencement of the long mid-summer vacation commencing in April and re-engaging them in June, so as to deprive them of their salaries for a month or two. When Government's attention was drawn to this practice they severely condemned it and issued a circular to all aided schools insisting that teachers who had worked from June to April should be paid for the whole year. But we deeply regret to learn that some schools circumvent the rule by sending away some of their teachers in March instead of in April and re-engaging them in June, thus cheating them out of two months' salary. This is grossly unfair to the teachers, particularly because they are very poorly paid. It is also dishonest because the pupils pay their fees for the whole year, obviously on the ground that teachers' salaries are to be paid for the whole year. We trust the schools which still follow the scandalous practice will immediately put a stop to it.

Princes' Role

By CHIMANLAL M. DOCTOR

After the Viceroy-Gandhi interview on 5th February, Mahatma Gandhi issued a famous statement in the course of which he said:—

"So far as the Princes are concerned they are free to join the National Assembly which will determine India's fate not as individuals but as duly elected representatives of their own people. As Princes, they are big vassals of the Crown. I fancy they have no status apart from the Crown. Certainly not superior to the Crown itself. If the Crown parts with the power that it to-day enjoys over the whole of India, naturally the Princes have to and it should be their pride to look up to the people of India."

This clarification of the situation with regard to Indian Princes by Mahatma Gandhi perturbed the peace of mind of the Princes and Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, Dewan of Travancore and Sir Akbar Hydari, the Premier of Hyderabad State, entered the lists on their behalf against Mahatmaji and took up the position that in case Britain retired from the Indian arena, the Indian States would revert to the position which they enjoyed at the time when they first entered into relations with the British through treaties and engagements, but to their consternation, Prof. A. B. Keith, the great authority on Constitutional Law, wrote to "The Hindu" to the effect that advisers of the Crown could not say to-day that the rights enjoyed by the people in the provinces of British India could not be given to the subjects of Indian States and that it was their plain duty to advise the Crown to get the Princes to introduce such constitutional reforms as might result in responsible government in the near future. According to him there is no reply to Mahatmaji's claim that the Princes will have to follow in the foot-steps of the Crown with regard to handing over of power to the people. The days of autocracy are numbered, and the Princes will have to bring their States on a level of equality with the British Indian Provinces with regard to the form of Government.

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The Princes may rest assured that there is no alternative to transfer of paramountcy by the Crown to the people of India when the time comes, but that their interests are safe with their own kith and kin. In Chapter VII of the Report of the 'All Parties Conference' (1928) recommendation 85 runs as follows:—

"The Commonwealth shall exercise the same rights in relation to, and discharge the same obligations towards, the Indian States, arising out of treaties, engagements, sanads or otherwise as the Government of India has hitherto exercised and discharged.

"In case of any difference between the Commonwealth and any Indian State on any matter arising out of treaties, engagements, sanads or similar other documents, the Governor-General-in-Council (i.e., the Commonwealth Government of India) may, with the consent of the State concerned, refer the said matter to the Supreme Court for its decision."

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Although much water has run since this was written during the last eleven years, the fundamental principles governing the relations between Indian States and the future popular Government of India as the Paramount Power remain the same, provided the Princes come in line with British Indian Provinces and adopt democratic constitutions resulting in full responsible government with themselves as Constitutional Heads of the States like the British Crown. According to Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, ex-Premier of Madras, the introduction of full responsible government in Indian States, with the Maharajas as Constitutional Monarchs might lead to the continuance of the States, with the added resources of the British Indian districts, which might be induced to join such States so as to form homogeneous linguistic units bound by ties of blood.

The Standing Committee of the All-India States People's Conference has issued a momentous statement under the inspiration of its President, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, very recently, which says that "The Committee are willing to help in a peaceful settlement of the problem of the States, and in any future arrangement in maintaining the dignity of the Ruler as a Constitutional Head, on condition that (1) the will of the people of the States must prevail in constitutional and other matters, (2) civil liberties must be maintained, and (3) the Rule of Law must be established. The Committee's objective is full responsible government in the States within the framework of an independent, united India, and everything that militates against this objective has to be rejected."

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Our Princes will find union with democratic India on terms of equality very profitable, if they have the foresight to convert themselves into constitutional monarchs like the patriotic Rajasaheb of Aundh who has initiated a peasant State with graded franchise after the heart of Mahatmaji. But if they refuse to move with the spirit of the times, they will be overwhelmed in an avalanche of democratic revolution.

H. H. the late Maharaja of Baroda Sir Sayaji Rao Gaekwar, on the eve of the First Round Table Conference in 1930 told an American Press representative that for the sake of India, our Princes ought to follow the example of the smaller German Princes, and give up everything if need be and that *he was prepared to give up his Princely dignity and position if the welfare of India required it.* Our Princes will do well to remember these words of the late Maharaja of Baroda and not become Indian Ulsters coming in the way of Indian freedom. Miss Totenham, the author of "Highnesses of Hindustan" reports in it a characterestic conversation with Sayaji Rao more than two decades back on p. 303, which I cannot resist the temptation of quoting, as it is as opposite today as it was at that time. She says:—

"Everywhere the radical spirit, to use the old term, was becoming stronger and stronger, not only in British India, but indeed, in the Indian States too. Autocracy's day seemed ending. In Baroda, the Maharajah had a very clear intimation of coming changes. Long before this, however, there lay at the back of his mind, autocrat though he was, a great desire to give up into other hands the reigns of government. But would Government give him up? He might be tired of his stewardship, be desirous of a hermit life of solicitude and simplicity, yet he might be too tied to attain to that state. I said to him once: "I suppose, Your Highness, you will be the last Maharaja of Baroda. The next ruler will be the President of the Baroda Republic." To which the Maharaja replied: "That may come. Indeed, if I could trust Jayasinh Rao (Maharaja's second son who died in August 1923 in Germany) I should like to retire in his favour as Regent or President or whatever you like to call it."

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H. H. Sayaji Rao Gaekwar has left his gadi to his grandson H.H. Pratapsinh Gaekwar, the present Ruler of Baroda, and I hope, he will bear in mind this memorable conversation of his illustrious grandfather with Miss Totenham as a statement of coming events casting their shadows before with a prescience that is, indeed, admirable, and treat himself as the President of the Crowned Republic of Baroda like His Majesty the King-Emperor George VI and convert it into a real constitutional monarchy. If he attains to this state of mind, speech and action, he may be able to unite 'all-Gujarat' with the numerous States under him as foreshadowed by Mr. C. Rajagopalacharlar, the ex-Premier of Madras, and fulfil the dream of his great predecessor and be a model for all Princes to follow. Time alone will show whether he has the imagination to grasp the situation as it appeared to his illustrious predecessor nearly a quarter of a century ago and adapt himself to

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Civil Aviation

By D. F. KARAKA

The reference to civil aviation in the Finance Member's speech and the recent report of Government on the Progress of Civil Aviation in India for the year 1938-39 have directed public attention to this important subject. Civil aviation has great scope for expansion in this country. It is clear that the war has brought about a situation in which the Government are bound to pay to civil aviation a greater attention than that which they have been accustomed to pay in the past. Aviation is obviously too important an element in modern warfare to be neglected even on the out-posts of the Empire. Consequently, although it must be said to the credit of the Director of Civil Aviation that he has done his utmost on all occasions to push Civil Aviation in this country, the added stimulus which this department has received from the Government is due largely to the war. The danger, therefore, is that while during the period of hostilities in Europe Civil Aviation will engage the attention of Government, it may once again lapse into the background when the war is over.

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There is, therefore, need for a long-sighted policy on the part of Government. Civil Aviation must be encouraged and supported in this country for reasons other than that it helps Imperial interests. In a country which is fast growing in nationhood and which is trying to keep abreast of the times, there is not that encouragement from Government for the building up of civil aviation in this country. Although a sum of about 93 lacs was set aside for capital expenditure in 1935-36 and although there is a further grant of 25 lacs a year for the same fund, there is not one single Indian air service which is receiving from the Government the help necessary for expansion, which help can only be given in the shape of a subsidy. The word "Indian" company is used with due deliberation, for it is not possible by any stretch of imagination to call the Indian Trans-Continental Airways anything more than a sop to Indian public opinion. It is in no sense Indian and it is ridiculous that it should be allowed to use the pre-fix "Indian."

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It is pleasing to note that Government contemplate giving a little solidity and dignity to civil aviation in this country in the shape of new administrative buildings at Juhu and Madras. One supposes that for once an air passenger in India will be able to land at an aerodrome, which has a restaurant and where you can actually wash your face in a bath room instead of having to rough it out like a hiker in ramshackle tents and temporary sheds. It will help to make the people who travel by air feel that air-travel in India is becoming a respectable as opposed to an adventurous way of transport. And this is necessary if you want to build up in this country a feeling of security and satisfaction for air travel.

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But although there is this sum spent on capital expenditure, it is not nearly enough when you bear in mind that only 25 per cent of the duty from petrol used in aviation goes back to help aviation. This proportion is grossly inadequate to meet the requirements of civil aviation in the first blush of its existence. Until such time as civil aviation is on its feet in India, Government should spend more on it from the gross amount which comes in the form of revenue to Government from duty on aviation petrol. Even though Government may not be willing to give it to Indian companies in the shape of subsidies there are so many other ways of giving it back to aviation. And the general consensus of opinion among progressive people in this country is that aviation needs all that it can get in the shape of help.

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The question of expanding civil aviation in India is necessarily limited in its possibilities. Whatever the Director of Civil Aviation may want to do, he has to contend with a Finance Committee the personnel of which is not conductive to a sympathetic reception of enterprising schemes such as aviation needs. As an important person connected with

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Frankly Speaking

Intriguing Situation

The political situation in the South East of Europe appears to be taking an intriguing turn. King Carol, proclaiming Rumania's neutrality and her determination to preserve her independence and integrity, especially mentions her good relations with Bulgaria and Italy—but not with Hungary. On the other hand, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, along with Hungary's "powerful friends", has warned the Western Powers against the dangers of re-creating the Czech State. The implications of Count Csaky's speech are highly significant. Since the "powerful friends" obviously mean, Italy and Germany, it almost looks as if Hungary and her patron, Italy, are lining themselves up with Germany against the Western Powers. But, then, what about Rumania's good relations with Italy? And what about the latter's position 'vis-a-vis' Germany's good friend, Russia, and Russian ambitions in the Balkans?

Russo-Finnish Development

Developments of the utmost importance in connection with the Russo-Finnish war and with the future of Finland are taking place in Stockholm. The reports are both obscure and in the shape only of rumours. But it is clear that peace plans are being discussed among representatives of Russia, Finland, Germany and Swedens and that the terms demanded by Russia are more far-reaching than those made on Finland on the eve of the war. The Finns are reported to be in a state of consternation over them. But we cannot see how they can resist these terms, particularly in view of Sweden's support to them.

Japan And China

Interesting details of the agreement between Japan and the "Central Government" of China to be inaugurated under General Wang Ching-Wee have been published from Hong-Kong. In their practical implications they fully bear out Chungking's description of the agreement. It is designed to reduce China—the North almost directly and the rest indirectly—into a dependency of Japan. The Chinese nation has, quite naturally, already rejected this so-called Central Government. The terms of the "agreement" will further strengthen its resolve to go on fighting the aggressor for the freedom and integrity of the country.

Challenge To Great Powers

But some of the clauses are interesting because of the bearing they have on the position of the Great Powers in connection with the Sino-Japanese war. The last clause refuses to recognise foreign and political loans to China since 1938. This is an open and direct challenge to Great Britain and particularly to the United States. What is America going to do in reply? Again the first three clauses, under which Japan proposes virtually to annex North China and Inner Mongolia in addition, of course, to Manchukuo, quite manifestly extends the Japanese front against Russia. Why should, Japan want, for instance, to station 100,000 tropops in Inner Mongolia except in the pursuit of her oft-proclaimed Anti-Comintern Policy? In these circumstances it would be unfortunate, indeed, if Russia agreed to an understanding through trade agreements or otherwise, with Japan.

Congratulations, Bombay!

We heartily congratulate the Bombay Hockey Team which, led by Mr. W. Fernandez, won the Inter-Provincial Championship on Thursday last. This is the first time since the inauguration of the tournament that Bombay has achieved this distinction. All credit is due to those who have succeeded in reaching the goal. Right from the commencement of the competition they played a grand game, their team-work and positional play being particularly brilliant. Their greatest credit lay in their overwhelming the most formidable combination in the tournament, Bengal, the holders. The class of hockey that was witnessed in this match may be classed with the best seen anywhere in the world. While we rejoice at the deserving success of our local side, we offer our sympathy to the visiting teams including Delhi, who were beaten in the final. They put up a gallant fight till the end. The importance of a tournament of this national character cannot be overlooked by anybody. It must have been an eye-opener to all those, who favour communal form of sport, to see the large and enthusiastic crowds who turned out daily to witness the matches. This was the first time the turnament was held in this city. Still its popularity was immense. We earnestly hope the competition will grow from strength to strength every year. It is a happy augury of the times that every game is now having a tournament of this nature. Foothall, though last in the list, will, we hope, not one remain, without such a tournament.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

The Joint Congress-Mahasabha Corporation Election Board which was formed on February 27 has been dissolved "following disagreement regarding the nomination of candidates."

—Calcutta Message.

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The venue of the meeting of the National Executive of the All-India Congress Socialist Party has been changed from Patna to Lucknow.

It almost appears as if the venue might have to be changed again from Lucknow to jail.

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Apropos of the Indian situation, "the difficulties such as they are at present are not fundamental", says the Labour Lord Snell.

We quite agree. They are merely Imperialistic.

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The noble Lord also assures us that "the British people are full of goodwill towards India."

But doesn't Lord Snell know that Lord Zetland himself admits this fact?

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"It is doubtful if Cecil Rhodes, even in his most Imperial moments, visualised the entry of Indians as Rhodes Scholars into Oxford"—Anglo-India.

It is very certain he did not. The great Imperialist never dreamt of Gandhi and Jawaharlal or of the present war.

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A Forward Bloc conference presided over by Deshgaurab Subhas Chandra Bose condemns "the action of those misguided people of Bengal who in their zeal of opposing the Gandhian principles went out of their way to show discourtesy towards Mahatma Gandhi....."

But how else could they illustrate opposition to Gandhian principles?

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PRIZE HOWLERS
(NOT Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague).

(1) "Whatever your ideals in life do not agree to any scheme which aims at the segregation of Muslims, in the country"—Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan in an address to students of the Lahore Islamia College.

(2) "It is difficult to conceive how a united India can work smoothly and in the best interests of the country as a whole when divergent interests, both communal and territorial, are insistent in regard to their special interests. It appears to me that the only basis for a united India is to proceed to frame a constitution for India as one country."

—Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola.

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The agreement between Japan and the "Central Government" of China under General Wang Ching-wei contains eleven specific clauses.

The unmentioned twelfth, of course, is that China and her people do not and shall not accept it.

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M. Daladier is "very satisfied with my conservation with Mr. Sumner Welles and with his visit."

M. Daladier ought to meet Mr. Joseph Kennedy, too, further to enhance his satisfaction.

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Mr. Chamberlain has rejected British Labour's plea to alter the provisions of the old Trades Disputes Act.

Day by day in every way the British Premier is doing his best to—er—er—win the war.

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Tibet, reveals a former Tibetan Prime Minister, has no newspapers.

We are not amused. Tibet doesn't deserve any interest or notice.

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Art critic: 'I am an idiot if this is art.'

Artist: 'It is art, sir.'

Ultimatum To Finland

Russia's Increasing Demands

DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN STOCKHOLM

Soviet Advance Held Up: Evacuees Killed In Train Collision

STOCKHOLM, March 8.

The Helsinki Radio has issued an official announcement that the Soviets have presented Finland with new and more far-reaching demands. Further details were promised later.

RUSSIANS' DEMAND

To-day the Russian terms are reported to include some or all of the following concessions:—

Firstly, the cession of Petsamo with the Nichkel mines and fishery rights;

Secondly, the demolition of all coastal batteries by the Finns:

Thirdly, the cession of Viipuri and possibly the whole of the Finnish shores of Lake Ladoga, including Sortavala. In return, it is reported, the Russians might be prepared to relinquish the claim on Hangoe.

Swedish circles deny that any pressure is being put upon the Finnish Government to accept these terms either from the Swedish or German side.

HOW WIND IS BLOWING

The known facts are: Firstly, Finland's aged former President M. Svinhufoud has arrived in Stockholm; secondly, M. Paasikivi, the ex-President of the Finnish Republic arrived in Stockholm a few days ago; thirdly, discussions concerning the possibility of achieving peace in Finland have undoubtedly been going on for some days, though Swedish officials have not confirmed that Sweden is acting as the "broker" in the negotiations.

The present interest in the Finnish situation began last Tuesday. The original belief was that the Finns to save further loss of life, might offer to give the Russians virtually all they had asked for before the war, with the possible exception of Hangoe. This offer, if it was made, was apparently insufficient.

COMMUNICATIONS INTERRUPTED

The interruption of the telephone service abroad coupled with many reports of Important developments in Finland give rise to wide speculation here as to the possibilities of an armistice.

.Sweden Mediating?

A London message says, Telephone communication between Stockholm and a number of foreign capitals including London was interrupted at the Swedish end to-night. In Copenhagen Reuter was told that calls to Stockholm were stopped "because Government do not want sensational rumours published about the situation."

The word "situation" is assumed to refer to the rumours of Swedish mediation in Finland. The latest report on it comes from the Paris Radio which states that the Soviets have presented Finland with an ultimatum expiring at noon to-morrow. No corroboration of this is available elsewhere.

It is officially stated that telephone communication between Stockholm and other European Capitals is being restored to-night.

FINLAND'S SURPRISE

A Helsinki message says:—

A feeling of consternation has been the Finnish unofficial reaction among the Finns to the reported peace terms said to have been offered to Finland by Russia through the intermediary of Sweden.

Surprise is also expressed that Sweden could have been persuaded to accept the role of an intermediary on such terms.

The alleged terms reached Finland from Stockholm in the form of New York press reports.

A statement issued by Government says, "according to information in the possession of the Finnish Government the Soviet Government, it is believed, have planned the presentation of demands to the Finnish Government which are more far-reaching in character than those presented last autumn. Details of these demands, however, are hitherto lacking."

There is much discussion in diplomatic circles of the reports and comment is confined almost entirely to the Government's statement that the demands are more far-reaching than those of last autumn.

It is pointed out that on the one hand the Finnish Government takes note of Sweden's mediation and on the other, has immediately given it to be understood that Finnish public opinion would not comprehend that negotiations should be based on such demands.

Naturally Government is showing great discretion while official negotiations are proceeding and have not yet revealed their aim to the public.

Public opinion regards the lack of success of the Russian efforts over months of war as very far from justifying concessions incompatible with the country's independence.

SOVIET ADVANCE HELD UP

HELSINKI, March 8.

Soviet attempts to advance over the ice in the Gulf of Finland appear at the moment to have been checked by raking machineguns and steady bombing by Finnish aircraft.

Finnish reconnaissance scouts report that the Russians are making large-scale redistribution of their forces which the Finns ascribe to the Russians underestimating the strength of resistance they would meet at Viipuri.

Terrible Carnage

All accounts describe the attacks across the ice as some of the bloodiest fighting yet seen. Attacking in tremendous masses with tanks and armoured units across the ice, Russian columns presented the Finnish artillery and 'planes with a target which could not be missed.

In the terrible carnage only sheer numbers enabled the Russians to make progress. Woods around Viipuri are feet deep in piles of corpses.

Soviet Successes

A Moscow message says, A communique claims the capture of Nautsi, 95 miles south of Petsamo and of four islands in the northern part of Lake Ladoga. Fifteen Finnish planes are stated to have been brought down.

Train Collision

Twenty passengers including 16 child evacuees were killed when an express bound for Sweden collided with a special train near Tempere. Twenty others were injured.

The accident occurred in pitch darkness and a blinding blizzard which prevented the driver from seeing the danger signal and was responsible for pitiful scenes as mothers searched the wreckage in deep snow for children many of whom were trapped in the burning wreckage.

Hundreds Of British Skiers Arrive

CHAMONIX, March 7.

Several hundred skiers from the British Army have arrived here. The town was be-flagged in their honour. They were welcomed by military and civil authorities and after passing through double ranks of chasseurs they marched through the streets to barracks. The contingent which includes many well-known skiers is now being trained by the French military skiers.—Reuter.

Allies' Planes For Finland

PARIS, March 8.

France has hitherto sent 175 planes to Finland, according to the latest figures published and also 496 guns with 795,000 shells, 5,000 machineguns 400 sea mines, 200,000 hand grenades and 20,000,000 cartridges.

WAR MATERIAL FOR FINLAND

The amount of war material for Finland from Britain and France either delivered or dispatched totals 405 planes including 67 bombers, 916 pieces of artillery with over 2 1/2 million shells, 5,000 light machineguns 124 machineguns. 150 anti-tank rifles, 450,000 bombs. 1050 submarine mines, 10,000 anti-tank mines and between fifty to sixty million cartridges. At least two-thirds of this material has already been delivered.—Reuter.

British Volunteers In Finland

LONDON, March 8.

The Finnish Legation in London state that some of the British contingent of volunteers for Finland are already in that country and the rest will go as soon as possible.—Reuter.

U. S. Envoy In Paris

FRANCE'S WAR AIMS

Freedom Of Poles And Czechs Must Be Restored

PARIS, March 8.

According to authoritative circles France's war aims as told to Mr. Sumner Welles are:—

First, restoration of the independence and territorial integrity of Poland, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Second, any peace must contain material and positive guarantees against further German aggression.

Third, France does not want patched up peace which leaves Europe at the mercy of another German threat in the near future.

France herself has no desire to dominate over Europe and Germany must show that she has abandoned all such intention.

DALADIER-WELLES TALKS

"I am very satisfied with my conversation with Mr. Sumner Welles and with his visit," said M. Daladier to Reuter. The talk had been scheduled to take for only an hour and consequently Mr. Sumner Welles was late for his next engagement with high officials at Quai d'Orsay.

Mr. Sumner Welles is having a further conversation, probably the most important of his visit, with M. Daladier at a small dinner party at Quai d'Orsay to-night It is clear from the list of guests that the dinner is a business rather than a social occasion. Those present included M. Chautemps, Vice-Premier, M. Bonnet, M. Champetier De Ribes, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and M. Coulondre, Director of Foreign Minister's Office.

It is understood that French statesmen have made full use of the opportunity to explain France's viewpoint in the war and it is believed that Franco-Italian relations and the situation in Scandinavia were also referred to.

LUNCH IN PARIS

Mr. Sumner Welles to-day saw the Presidents of the French Chamber of Deputies and the French Senate and is being entertained to lunch at the American Embassy in Paris.

PROGRAMME IN LONDON

LONDON, March 8.

Besides the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax, it is understood, that Mr. Sumner Welles will see Opposition leaders when he arrives in London next week. Mr. Welles will talk over the situation with Mr. Attlee and Mr. Greenwood and it is expected he will also see Sir Archibald Sinclair.

No Amendment Of Trades Disputes Act During War

LONDON, March 7.

It will be impracticable in war time to introduce necessary legislation to alter the provisions of the Trade Disputes Act, 1927, the Prime Minister told a deputation of Trade Union Congress at 10 Downing Street today.

The Deputation expressed profound disappointment and said they would report the position to the General Council.—Reuter.

INDORE:—Rai Bahadur S. V. Kanungo, the Revenue Minister, declared open a Village Uplift Co-operative Society at Bijapur.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" DOCKED IN NEW YORK

Ceremonial Reception By New York City Council President

NEW YORK, March 8.

The "Queen Elizabeth" docked at 10 p.m., (G.M.T.)

After a ceremonial reception by the President of the New York City Council, Captain Townley of the "Queen Elizabeth" told reporters that no submarines were seen on the voyage and the convoy was dropped after one day out.

"Queen Elizabeth" passed Battery Place at the entrance of the Hudson River at 8/41, (G.M.T.) As the liner appeared like a 'ghost ship' sirens from myriad small craft shrieked a welcome and downtown New York sky scrapers launched a shower of tickertape and torn paper.

The liner's own deep toned siren boomed acknowledgment of the welcome. Several 'planes soared above the liner while harbour craft of all sorts circled around admiring her lines.

The Captain of the "Queen Elizabeth" denied that the liner carried guns and said no submarines were sighted. He confirmed that the liner was filled with a new gauss device for nullifying magnetic mines. The liner carried a crew of 378.—Reuter.

REASONS FOR "QUEEN ELIZABETH'S" "GHOST TRIP"

NEW YORK, March 7.

Reasons for moving the "Queen Elizabeth" are explained in a statement issued by the Cunard Whitestar Company which says that only twice in a year when tides are unusually high is there sufficient depth of water to navigate a ship of her size to the open sea.

Such a tide occurred in the latter part of February and the "Queen Elizabeth" was taken to the sea at that time. In view of the circumstances it was decided that she should proceed to America which she did under the command of Captain J C. Townley after an uneventful voyage at a moderate speed.

Internal accommodation of the "Queen Elizabeth" has not been completed.

No plans have been made for the vessel except tying her up at a pier along with the "Queen Mary" in accordance with arrangement for all other ships of the Company stopping at an American port.—Reuter.

CURFEW IMPOSED AGAIN

JERUSALEM, March 8.

A curfew has been again proclaimed in Jerusalem from 6-30 to-night until to-morrow as a result of further unruly Jewish demonstrations.

The main body of the demonstrators in Jerusalem dispersed peaceably but rowdy elements caused a commotion necessitating dispersal by police action.

Curfew was also proclaimed at Telaviv after which marchers generally dispersed peaceably. A small section became disorderly and the police intervened.—Reuter.

"Transjordan Arabs Will Stand By Allies"

AMMAN, March 7.

Reuter's Special Correspondent says, "my visit to Transjordan has convinced me that if the war moves to the Near East, Britain will be in a far stronger defensive position than Turks were in the last war. Britain is in the happy position of enjoying the complete confidence of Arabs of Transjordan and Arabs will play an important part in defending the allied lines of communication. The enemy's main objective would be the pipe line from Kirkur to Tripoli and Haifa, which supplies oil for the Mediterranean Fleet and Allied armies. He would also aim at the newly built road running alongside the pipe-line from Haifa to Baghdad and Persian Gulf, which forms an alternative to the Suez Canal route to India. Arabs would coperate in the struggle not by attacking the enemy's lines of communication as in the last war but by defending the allies line.—Reuter.

COAL MINE DISASTER

SANTIAGO, March 7.

Four hundred miners were buried by a fall in the Schwager coal mine at Port Coronel.

Two hundred and 94 are dead and 100 are injured and they have been brought to the surface. Fire is raging in the area affected.—Reuter.

How Britain Fights Magnetic Mines

Discovery Of "Belt" And Its Effect

LONDON, March 8.

Hundreds of British merchantships and many Naval vessels have been fitted with non-magnetic "belts" to fight German magnetic mines.

Although it is not claimed at the moment that this is a complete answer to the mine menace, not one of the vessels so far fitted with the apparatus has been damaged by a magnetic mine.

The "Queen Elizabeth" on her dramatic maiden voyage was protected by one of these "belts". These details of British counteraction to the German socalled mystery weapon were disclosed to Reuter's Naval Correspondent in authoritative circles in London.

"Belt" known as Gauss anti-magnetic device consists of a coil-electric wire extending around the ships hull just below the deck rails.

It has electric current running through it to make the ship and its cargo non-magnetic and therefore non-attaractive to the mines.

The principle whereon this anti-magnetic girdle is based was evolved in British Naval establishments and developed by experts and scientists.

It derives its name from the unit of magnetic flux. It can be fitted to any vessel, in a few days. the coil naturally varying with the size of the vessel.

GERMAN SHIP SETTLES ITSELF

British Warship Picks Up Crew

It is learned in London that the German steamer "Uruguay" (5846 tons) scuttled herself in the North Atlantic, when she was intercepted by a British Warship. The crew were picked up.

It is understood officers and 40 men from the scuttled vessel were taken aboard a British warship. 'Uruguay' was first sighted by British aircraft.—Reuter.

Heavy Air Attack On Dutch Motorship

AMSTERDAM, March 8.

When the Dutch Motorship "Delfziji" arrived at Port Hanswert she reported that she had been heavily attacked by an unknown aeroplane while on her way to Rotterdam.

The aeroplane started by raking the motorship with machine-gun fire. Then it dropped six or seven bombs which fell nearby causing terrific explosions which rocked the ship and did considerable damage.—Reuter.

Dutch Steamer Wreckage

ROTTERDAM, March 8.

A fishing boat and a patrol boat report that they found lifeboats and wreckage belonging to he Dutch steamer "Vecht" (2,000 tons) which was feared lost. The "Vecht" left Rotterdam on Wednesday night with a crew of 22.—Reuter.

NAZI BOMBS ON TRAWLERS AND LIGHTSHIPS

LONDON, March 8.

News has reached Cromer today that a lightship stationed 25 miles off the North Norfolk Coast was attacked by Nazi aeroplanes yesterday. The damage is reported to be slight and none was injured. Trawlers arriving at an East Coast port reported that they were machinegunned and bombed by enemy aeroplanes last night. One was hit without casualties, while others escaped by tinguishing their lights. Four men were wounded.—Reuter

Rescued From Bombed Italian Steamer

LONDON, March 8.

An east-coast lifeboat early this morning, took off 29 men, three of whom were wounded from an Italian steamer which was bombed and set on fire last night by a German plane some miles from the British Coast.—Reuter.

Saved Crew Of Italian Steamer

LONDON, March 8.

The captain of the "Amelia Lauro" said that the bombs contained a number of smaller bombs which did not explode at first. An hour after the attack there were explosions on the vessel as the small bombs went off. A member of the crew said, "we were lit up. They must have seen our flag before they attacked.

When the lifeboat reached the scene, they found that the crew of "Amelia Lauro" had been taken from the blazing vessel to another Italian steamer, whose Captain stated that one of "Amelia Lauro's" crew had been killed.

The remaining 29 members of the crew were transferred to the lifeboat and brought back to port. In broken English they indicated that four bombs had been dropped on the ship. Many of the men had lost most of their possessions and wore borrowed clothes.—Reuter.

"No Party Need Fight Shy Of Constituent Assembly"

Yakub Hassan's Appeal To Indian Muslims To Be Reasonable In Hour Of Crisis

MADRAS, March 8

"When India is on the brink of a great evolution is it proper for Muslims to assert that their religion forbids them to assist in the development of and to be assimilated into a homogeneous Indian nationality? cannot the history of the Jews as told in the pages of the holy Koran teach Indian Muslims a lesson?" asked Mr. Yakub Hassan, a former Congress Minister, speaking on the Hindu-Muslim situation this evening at Ranade Hall.

The speaker asked if it was to be left to Indian Muslims only to claim a separate nationality, on the basis of religion, apart from the people from whom they were not separated ethnologically or culturally. The Muslims were not asked to give up their religious identity.

Mr. Yakub Hassan did not see why the Muslim League or any other party should fight shy of the Constituent Assembly proposal. He appealed to his co-religionists to ponder deeply over and consider the question of India's future in the light God had given them "as his true believers and followers".—A. P.

INDIA'S CLAIM FOR SELF-DETERMINATION

CUDDAPAH, March 7

Mr. T. Prakasam, President of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, and former Revenue Minister of Madras in the course of a statement on the Congress Working Committee's Patna resolution, says:—

"The Working Committee's resolution, as further explained by Gandhiji in his statement published in the press on March 2, is just what it ought to be and what the country desires. If there is any sincerity in the offer made by the Viceroy on behalf of Britain to Gandhiji on behalf of India, to concede Dominion Status on the basis of the Westminster Statute and the immediate reconstitution of the Central Government, there ought to be no difficulty in agreeing to the demand for a Constituent Assembly.

"In spite of all that has been said by the Secretary of State for India, Gandhiji in his latest statement says that the Congress has not closed the door to negotiation and compromise and that it is left to Britain to leave the question of settling the constitution to the people of India itself, which they are entitled to, as much as any other country in Europe, for whose sake the present war is professed to be carried on I hope, Britain would have the good sense not to deny the right of self-determination to India and thus make herself responsible for all the disaster that may follow.—United Press.

Allabux To Withdraw Resignation

Sardar Patel's Advice To Sind Congress M.L.A.s

KARACHI, Mar. 8.

Advising Congress members of the Assembly to maintain "status quo" till the Ramgarh Congress Sardar Patel in the course of a telegram to the Secretary of the Assembly Congress Party says that Premier Allabux had a conversation with him over the 'phone and he had agreed to accept the Congress High Command's advice.

This is believed in political circles to be a direction not to disturbs the Allabux Ministry. In view of the decision of the Hindu Independents and Moslem League Party yesterday to turn down the budget demands, this instruction is considered significant.

ALLABUX TO WITHDRAW RESIGNATION?

It is understood that the Premier, Khan Bahadur Allabux may withdraw the Cabinet's resignation in the course of the day.

NEW YORK, March 8.

The allied Purchasing Committee announce that negotiations with aeroplane manufacturers for the purchase of possibly a thousand million dollar worth of aircraft will begin next week. The aircraft would be for delivery this year if possible.—Reuter.

CAPETOWN.

In the House of Assembly the War Measures Bill has passed the Committee stage.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN MINERS TO GO ON STRIKE

SYDNEY, March 8.

A strike affecting about 20,000 coal miners throughout the Commonwealth begins on March 11, following the failure of both the Owners and the Miners' Unions to accept the Arbitration Court's offer of a conference on wages and hours.—Reuter.

"GOLCONDA" SINKS IN BENGAL RIVER

95 P. C. Of Rice Aboard Insured

CHITTAGONG, March 8

While rice dealers in Chittagong are mourning the loss of the greater part of the 1,06,000 bags of boiled and special Aracan rice which has been spoilt by the sinking of the steamer Golconda, the local fishermen are in high glee

They expect an excellent season's catch. Already fish are being attracted to the port by the huge quantities of food so ready available.

About 95 per cent. of the rice aboard the "Golconda" was fully insured. it is reported. The ship, which belongs to the British India [illegible] Co., sank while she struck an obstruction in the Karnafuli river, about four miles from the double moorings jetties. [illegible] in two, the superstructure of the ship is still above high water level and it is expected that efforts will be made to salvage her. If left in her present position, it is believed that there is a danger of the channel being gradually silted up.—A. P. Special.

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In Bombay

Millowners Resort To New Tactics

NOTICES ON STRIKER-TENANTS: BAIT FOR MAKING WORKERS RECEIVE WAGES

N. M. Joshi's Peace Efforts: Labour Thanks Congress: Relief Move By Citizens

BOMBAY, Friday.

Efforts for the intensification of the strike were contemplated by the Labour Leaders to-day the fifth day of the strike.

CITIZENS' RELIEF COMMITTEE

Although no concrete plan has yet been evolved, the suggestion made soon after the arrival of Mr. N. M. Joshi here, to start a Citizens' Relief Committee has been seriously taken up. A citizens' rally will be held on Sunday.

PRESSURE ON WORKERS

The Labour Leaders also complain of the "underhand pressure" now resorted to by the employers. Some of the mill-workers, according to them, are now faced with immediate eviction

PLEA TO REMOVE BAN

Messrs. N. M. Joshi and S. A. Dange will see the Police Commissioner to-morrow (Saturday) presumably with regard to the difficulties felt by the workers to organise themselves, as a result of the Police Commissioner's orders and also with regard to the alleged excesses of the District Police, as mentioned recently by Mr. Dange in his letter to the Commissioner.

CONGRESS MOVE

The Labour Sub-Committee of the B.P.C.C. met at the Congress House, to-day, to discuss the strike situation and decided, it is understood, to impress upon both the parties the necessity of ending the present deadlock by their submission to an arbitration, in the interests of both the industry and the workers.

SPRING MILLS TACTICS

At a huge rally held at Worli, Mr. B. T. Ranadive revealed that the Spring Mill had already made an attempt to tempt the workers by 10 per cent. increase in wages. Only 25 workers accepted the wage cards. He advised the workers not to have anything to do with it.

Strikers' Ranks Swell

The ranks of the textile strikers in Bombay swelled by over 5,000 to-day when 8 more silk mills stopped work completely, the workers having downed tools just before noon time.

Including the Land Mill at Colaba, there are only three mills partially working, out of a total of 64. Fourteen silk mills out of 22 are completely closed.

SILK WORKERS' PLANS

A separate Strike Committee has been appointed to lead the workers in the Silk mills.

Peace Efforts

While the strike is gathering momentum, another effort at exploring the avenues of a settlement is being made. Mr. N. M. Joshi, who arrived from Delhi this morning, called on Mr. Bakhle, Labour Commissioner at the Civil Secretariat and discussed the labour situation. He has talks with the labour representatives in the evening.

G. K. U. LETTER TO B. P. C. C.

The General Secretary of the Girni Kamgar Union has addressed a letter to the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee that the Union would welcome mediation of the Congress.

"Our Union is thankful to the B.P.C.C." expresses Mr. Dange, in the course of the letter (after reviewing the strike developments and explaining their demands) Mr. Dange says:

"Our Union then learnt that the Congress felt it its duty not only to sympathise with the strikers but take active steps to bring about a settlement, if any of the parties so desired.

Hence, we are writing this to you to say that we would welcome efforts at settlement by the Congress. Our Union would be glad to discuss with you, if you so desire."

It is understood that a reply will be given on behalf of the B.P.C.C. very soon.

The Mill-owners, it is understood, will not take the initiative in asking the B.P.C.C. to intervene.

With the refusal of the workers to receive their wages for February, such of them as are living in mill chawls are faced with a delicate situation. It is understood that at least four mills have already intimated to the tenants that if they do not receive their wages and pay up all arrears of rent they will be promptly evicted.

PROTEST AGAINST JAIPRAKASH'S ARREST

At a mammoth rally held at Jamboori Maidan, Worli, on Friday evening a resolution protesting against the arrest of Mr. Jaiprakash Narain was passed Mr. B. T. Ranadive moved the resolution.

Mr. Mahommed Shaheed, presiding over the meeting, observed that it had now become obvious that within a few days the millowners would make attempts to start the mills. Such attempts had to be met with and to do so the workers should organise themselves. He suggested that there should be more harmonius and free co-ordination between the chawl and the local committees. It was their duty to organise and deveop a Volunteers Corps and make their organisation perfect so that they could make sustained efforts to secure the reasonable demands of the workers.

Mr. Tambitkar referred to the attempts made in certain quarters to break the strike. He referred to the suggestion made by certain jobbers to the effect that the workers should not stir out of their chawls. He advised them that they should get up early in the morning and go near their respective mills and see whether there were strike-breakers. The local committee should be armed with all necessary information.

ADVICE TO WORKERS

Mr. B. T. Ranadive remarked that the Spring Mills had given wage cards to the workers, with a view to tempt them with a lump sum amount with retrospective effort but which was much below their demand. He advised the workers not to accept that amount. He also referred to the attempts made by certain jobbers to break the strike. He also alleged Police excesses in the case of certain employers of attempts to evict the workers who were on strike had come to his notice and he advised them not to leave the chawls.

SPLIT AMONG EMPLOWERS?

Mr. N. V. Phadke thought that the mill-workers seemed to be more anxious to end strike, as early as possible. It had been reported that there had been a serious cleavage among the millowners themselves whether they should stiffen their attitude towards the workers or stage a climb-down.

Messrs. Mohan Mishra and Narayan Dhiddi also addressed the rally.

WOMEN'S RALLY

Earlier in the evening, a women's rally was organised at Kalapani Maidan, Madanpura. Mrs. Nagarkar and Miss Godhavari Gokhale addressed the gathering which included Muslim women. Women workers of the mills of the locality attended.

Mrs. Nagarkar stated that it was the first time that women had taken initiative and interest in the matter of strike. The conduct of the strike would Tord them a great lesson. He exhorted them to fight for the 25 per cent rise in wages and not to relax their fight until their demand was granted.

Miss Godhavari Gokhale said that they should not be victims of any attempt to create any bitterness between the Hindus and the Muslims. The question before them was an economic one and all, irrespective of caste or religion, should join in the fight. They had support of the country

EVICTION TACTICS

Mr. S. A. Dange has issued the following:—

Now those of the millowners, who have their own chawls near the mills and where workers reside as tenants have ordered the tenants, i.e., the strikers, to return to work or face immediate eviction. Orders (to break the strike) have been served on the tenants of the chawls of the Spring Mills, the Jacob Sassoon, the Meyer Sassoon, and the Kohinoor Mills.

The public will recall that when our Union in its evidence before the Textile Inquiry Committee made out a case for Municipal control of these chawls on the ground of the employers using the chawls for black-legging and undue pressure, the employers' representatives vehemently protested against our statement. Similarly when we opposed the workers buying on account at employers' grain-shops, instead of at the banias, we had cited the fate of the workers, when they reside at employers' chawls. Then too the owners had protested.

We did not know then that proof of our statements would be available so soon. If the employers believe that the justice of their cause would soon bring the workers back to the tempting employment, why do they resort to these underhand pressure?

The attempt within a week of the strike to threaten tenants of the mill-chawls show how panicky the owners are.

Friday's Developments

On Friday morning barring the arrest of two pickets there have not been any sensational developments to-day.

Fourteen silk mills in the city have had to close down on account of the strike in the mills.

There are only three mills, including the Colaba Land Mills, that are working even with a small complement of workers.

Picketing at the gates of all mills working partially was carried on from 6-30 to 10-30 a.m. by women strikers, according to programme. It is claimed by them that by picketing and carrying on propaganda right to the homes of the workers in the chawls they have slowly reduced the number of workers attending the mills.

The Turkey Red Mills at Mahim, which worked with a staff of nearly 200 men on Wednesday and even on Thursday, worked with fewer hands to-day. The whole of the gate front is occupied by a strong police force and pickets have to stand in groves opposite the mills and attempt to dissuade workers from going in.

It is easy to get into the clutches of the law. If three workers are joined by a fourth they will have contravened the notification of the Commissioner of Police. If any of them shout, they may have to go to jail for two weeks, as one of their comrades has done. The workers are, nevertheless, determined to keep within the law and carry on as well as possible

Two pickets were arrested before the Khatau Makanji Mills this morning.

Four Meetings To-day

Meetings are being held frequently and labour leaders are exhorting the workers to stand firm. Four such meetings were held this morning, at Shivaji Park, Kamgar Maidan, Lalbaug and Madanpura Kalapani.

With the refusal of the workers to receive their wages for February, such of them as are living in mill chawls are faced with a delicate situation. It is understood that at least four mills have already intimated to the tenants that if they do not receive their wages and pay up all arrears of rent, they will be promptly evicted.

The Secretary of the Girni Kamgar Union has addressed a letter to the Commissioner of Police protesting against the objection raised to the use of loud speakers at the few maidans where they are allowed to hold meetings.

Two Strikers Arrested

Two mill-workers were placed under arrest near hospital avenue road, Parel and were released on bail by Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Dadar Court, to-day.

Night Shifts Closed

Two more mills have closed their night-shifts. Alexandra Mills, it is learnt, was kept working with the help of Jewish labour belonging to the mills of the E. D. Sassoon group.

A bleaching master of the Indian Bleaching Company is reported to have been stoned by some persons at Nagu Sayaji Road, as a result of which he sustained minor injuries.

Men Who Conduct City Strike

Girni Kamgar (Red Flag) Union officers who are conducting the general strike of Textile Workers in Bombay.

All-India Strike By Railwaymen

G. I. P. Workers' Threat On "War Allowance Day"

As directed by the All India Railwaymen's Federation March 6 was observed all over the G. I. P. as "War Allowance Demand Day".

Mass meetings of Railwaymen were held at Bombay, Kalyan, Igatpuri, Poona, Dhond, Manmad, Bhusaval, Nagpur, Jubbulpore, Jhansi and other places reiterating war allowance demand.

Resolutions condemning the Railway Budget and demanding immediate grant of war allowance were passed.

In other resolutions it was declared that in case the Railway Board hesitated to grant the demand early the only course left for workers was to prepare for an All-India Railway Workers' strike.

Uneasiness Among Sholapur Mill Workers

Uneasiness is growing among the textile workers of Sholapur due to delay in electing the representative of employees by holding meetings in Mills under the Industrial Disputes Act.

The Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union had launched a big propaganda campaign and voiced its demand to speed up elections. It now seems that the elections will be held very shortly by the Labour Officer.

As the date for elections approached, the Red Flag Union is making vigorous propaganda exhorting workers to elect the nominees of the Red Flag only.

Peppermint Workers Strike Negotiations

The Gen. Secretary, Bombay Chemical Workers Union, writes:

Workers from the peppermint factory of D. Writer, situated on, Bhavani Shankar Road, are on strike, because they have not been given war allowance. Friday was the fifth day and not a single worker has attended.

Friday morning at 9-30 the owner of the factory had called Mr. Tajudin, General Secretary of Bombay Chemical Workers Union for negotiations.

The talks are going on.

HOTEL WORKERS' MEETING.

A meeting of the hotel workers will be held to-day (Saturday) in Hirabaug at C. P. Tank at 9-30 p.m. and the plan of the "Strike Day" will be explained to the workers. The meeting will be addressed by Messrs. Mahimkar, L. G. Raju, V. G. Nimbkar, J. Bukhari, Upadhya, N. P. Pai and others.

Muslim Progressives' Faith In Jinnah

The newly formed Muslim Progressive Group met at the Chotani Jamatkhana on Friday evening Mr. Mohamed Ashan, Editor of "Al Hilal" presiding.

A resolution affirming their faith in the leadership of Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League was unanimously passed. The same resolution restricted the membership of their group to the members of the Muslim League.

A committee was formed to draft a programme of action for the group.

INDIA'S TEA AND RUBBER EXPORT QUOTAS

NEW DELHI, March 8.

It is announced that the Indian export allotment of tea for the financial year 1940-41 shall be 364,080,770 pounds being 95 per cent. of India's standard export figure.

The permissible maximum net export of dry rubber from British India for the second quarter of 1940 shall be 3,550 tons.—A. P.

LONDON: In the House of Commons the third readings of the Cotton Industry Bill was passed. The bill has been passed by both the Houses.

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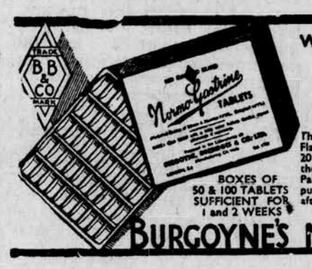

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Will India Retain Its Independence?

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Recent events in Europe and the present war have brought to the forefront the question. If Britain grants independence to India, will India be able to retain it against foreign attack?

Paradoxical as it may seem, it is a blessing in disguise that India is unindustrialised and unarmed. India cannot share the fate of Czechoslovakia or Albania. It is easier to subjugate a highly industrialised small nation like Czechoslovakia, in spite of arms. An industrial country can be paralysed by bombing the industrial centres and seats of Government. The control of cities and industrial centres virtually mean the control of the whole industrial nation. India cannot be paralysed by modern warfare because India lives in villages.

From time immemorial, it did not matter to India at large who ruled at Delhi. Dynasties rose and fell but the life of India in far-stretched villages went on unaffected by these changes. The condition of India today is not very different from what it was in those days, the only difference being that the occupation of the villagers in their leisure hours, viz., handspinning and weaving is no longer paying them. The revival of this industry is the main concern of Mahatma Gandhi and his followers. The reconstruction of villages would make India safe from foreign attack.

The defensive measures undertaken by the countries threatened or those involved in war or the conditions created by these measures are not quite different from what India would be, through the reconstruction as contemplated by Mahatma Gandhi and his followers. Under defensive measures cities are being evacuated and the people are scattering to the village. People living in villages are taking to handicrafts and farming. People are trying to be self-sufficient. Rationing if nothing but reduction of wants. India under Gandhiji's lead is doing all this, although quite in a different way. Gandhiji has prepared India for defence in advance, what Europe is not feverishly doing as a precaution against air-raids and other eventualities due to war. Gandhiji pays so much attention to the charkha because that machine alone would re-build villages, that it would not only give employment to the vast man-power of India.

Gandhism is not a step backward but is a step forward. What Europe, the centre of modern civilisation, would have to rebuild after the collapse of machine age, Gandhism is trying to construct before the downfall. War is not a temporary phase. Wars would continue as long as the root causes of wars are not removed. Gandhism strikes at the root-causes. Exploitation of the masses or weaker nations by the few with the aid of machines and advancement of technology must cease. Gandhism aims at nothing else.

India, under Gandhiji, would not only attain independence but would also retain it.—Yours, etc.,

M. R. UDYAVER.

"Nagbala"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—For the information of those who have very kindly tried the "Nagbala" herb in cases of cancer and tuberculosis the virtue of which was extolled by "Susurit" the famous Indian medical book, which appeared in your esteemed journal sometime back. I beg in this connection to say that I have received good many reports from sufferers and their medical officers telling the wonderful efficacy of the herd in cases of cancer and tuberculosis.

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Gwalior R. S. Sabha

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I beg to bring it to your kind notice that the Gwalior Rajya Sarwajanik Sabha, being the only political organization of the State, has been attempting towards educating the public in the matter of constitutional Reforms for a year and a half. It is a registered body and has 70 local committees all over the State. The Head office of the Sabha is located in Ujjain.

The Gwalior Government announced some political reforms in the State, by a Proclamation dated the 14th June 1939. The working Committee of this Sabha, after full consideration found the reforms as unsatisfactory, reactionary and unacceptable. The Central Committee reiterating the view of the Working Committee adopted a resolution embodying suggestions for immediate changes in the announced scheme. But the Government notwithstanding these protests and suggestions appointed a Franchise Committee with an official majority, the Sabha declaring its inability to co-operate with the same. In November last, the Annual session of the Sabha was held in Lashkar—Gwalior, (the capital of the State) which was inaugurated by Dr. Pattabhai Sitaramaiyya, member of the Congress Working Committee.

The session was a great success and the demands as embodied in the Central Committee resolution, were made more emphatic. The result of all this was that the Franchise Committee could not work well. Recently, on the 4th of January, Sardar C. S. Angre, the Vice-President of the Gwalior Executive Council, granted an interview to a deputation of the Sabha, with a view to understand the view-point of the Sabha.—Yours, etc.

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POINTS FROM LETTERS

Nariman's Statement

ANTI-HUMBUG says: "In his usual anxiety to ridicule Truth and Non-violence ex-Veer KKhorshed confuses the issue and attributes the future non-participation of politicals in the Sewa Sangh to some inner corruption and power-hunting: What a great invention. I am glad that Mr. Nariman refers to power-hunting. Well, may one ask him what it was if not power-hunting when he and his friends claimed for him the right to leadership of the Congress Party and premiership of the province? This jeer at power-hunting looks like injured innocence: Bravo: Veer, Bravo; Let me exclaim, Cheers To You! These naughty power-hunters of the Congress High Command had the cheek to have hurled you down from a seat of power that by a right inherent was yours!"

Constituent Assembly

S. N. MODAK says: "The formation of Constituent Assembly demanded by Congress as suggested by Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel and supported by H. H. Aga Khan and Mr. Satyamurti, the Madras Mayor, is unique one. Congress High Command holds mastery over majority of Members of Legislatures of all the Provinces. It is therefore confident for the High Command to hold mastery over majority of members of Constituent Assembly formed of delegated members of Legislatures".

The Next Census

S. N. MODAK says: "New recording of Census of All-India is to be carried by Government of India by the end of this year. As such important matter of Census is very essential, helpful and educative to all and particularly to Government and Institutional administration, all-round information-record is the urgent need of the day."

Catholic Leaders?

I. A. S. MARTIS says: "It has been a fashion of late for certain self-styled leaders to arrange parties, on the plea of discussing problems pertaining to Christians in Bombay. Persons, having no representative character, are meeting at dinners or parties and as mere individuals discussing vital problems, arriving at conclusions and publishing memorandums utilising the name of the community".

LORD ERSKINE LEAVES FOR BOMBAY

MADRAS, March 8.

His Excellency Lord Erskine, Governor of Madras, accompanied by Lady Marjorie Erskine, left this morning at 8-30 for Bombay 'en route' to England by special train on the completion of his term of office as Governor of the Madras Presidency.—United Press.

Notorious Dacoit Arrested

RAJKOT, March 8.

A dangerous dacoit belonging to a notorious gang of dacoits which has been responsible for many dacoities, has been arrested near Jasdan.

The agency police have taken precautionary measures to prevent fresh dacoities. The famine conditions have led in recent months to greater number of dacoities.—A. P. Special.

RELIEF FOR INDIAN EX-SOLDIERS

NEW DELHI, March 8.

About a lakh of rupees was sanctioned by the Indian Soldiers' Board in 1938-39 for the relief of distressed Indian ex-soldiers or their dependants, according to the report of the Indian Soldiers' Board, just published.

In 1936-37 a sum of Rs. 10,000 a year for three years was allotted by the Board for promoting schemes of rural reconstruction in selected villages. The Board is also making a good deal of effort to promote vocational training for ex-soldiers after their discharge. —United Press.

PYRETHRUM CURE FOR MALARIA

NEW DELHI, March 8.

For its insecticidal properties and especially for its use in anti-malarial work, further experiments on field scale are being carried out to cultivate the pyrethrum plant in India by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.—United Press.

WANTED ORGANISED EFFORT

Sarojini Naidu's Tribute To Work Of Tata Graduate School Of Social Work

A plea for an organised mission of social service was made by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in her Convocation address, at the second Convocation of the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work, on Friday.

Dr. Clifford Manshardt Director of the School, stated that the school was founded with a view to capture social idealism of University students and transmitting this power into channels of significant national service.

The school, he said, not only trained social workers, it was itself a social servant. Every student of the school had done a certain amount of practical work.

Several graduates of the School had been engaged as Government Labour Officers, Probation Officer and as Labour Officers in mills.

NEED OF ORGANISED EFFORT.

Mr. S. D. Saklatwala presiding over the Convocation said that the days of individual effort in social welfare work had gone. There should be organized effort in this direction.

Mrs. Naidu delivering the Convocation Address, paid a tribute to the House of Tatas, for founding the School which was a centre of training for social service.

At present social work was done by a multitude of groups, known by different designations. What was needed was a central focussing authority to co-ordinate the efforts, for work on group lines was bounded to result in a waste.

Every one, she continued, who aspired to be a social worker, must have understanding of the oneness of humanity, he must have courage and faith in himself.

REQUISITES FOR SOCIAL WORK.

It was very important that a social worker should learn to forget personal sectarian and communal differences and must be imbued with a spirit of self-abnegation and service.

Referring to social injustices, she said that Society should be reconstructed on the basis of equity, racial and individual justice.

Finally she exhorted the new graduates to approach all human problems in the true spirit of a student, with a desire to learn.

Mr. Saklatwala presented diplomas to the successful students.

"OFFICERS' FAMILIES NOT NECESSARILY LARGER THAN THOSE OF INFERIOR STAFF!"

N. M. Joshi's Assembly Speech On Ry. Budget

Following are extracts from the speech made by Mr. N. M. Joshi on his cut motion during the recent discussion on the railway budget on February 24:—

Sir, I move that the demand under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs. 100/-. As I have stated in the list of motions, my object in making this motion is to draw the attention of the Honourable Member for Communications to the grievances of the Railway Employees.

In dealing with particular grievances, I should like to point out that on the G.I.P. Railway the Railway Administration is proposing that there should be central control of some of the power stations between Kalyan and Igatpuri and Kalyan and Poona. This centralisation is resulting in retrenchment of about 20 people.

When Government makes retrenchment in the personnel of the railway administrations, they either discharge people or sometimes offer them smaller jobs, or to use the technical language, they demote men. The Railway Board have followed certain policy in dealing with demoted men whenever retrenchment is effected. They have laid down that when a man is demoted he should be put at the top of the grade to which he is demoted, so that when there is an opportunity of promotion, he should get it. My complaint is that on the G.I.P. Railway these rules are not observed.

Some educated men, say some literate men, were taken on the N. W. R. on the Loco. staff as cleaners and firemen.

Afterwards he ceased to take literate men and people who were already taken on had some expectations of promotions, but those expectations were not fulfilled. Somehow the Agent came to the conclusion that these literate men were not needed and they need not be treated differently.

At Kharagpur on the B. N. Railway there has been short working in the workshops for a long time. The men feel that on account of this short working they lose in their wages. Unfortunately, Government does not pay them by the week, they pay them by the day, and, therefore, the men lose when the short-working begins.

PROVIDENT FUND FOR LOW PAID WORKERS

I have already thanked the Communications Member for agreeing to make some provision for providing a provident fund for the low-paid employees of Indian Railways. We do not know, what amount of money he is going to provide for this reform. He has told us that the reform will require 72 lakhs of rupees. I thought he could easily get 72 lakhs of rupees even this year, and even if Rs. 72 lakhs are to be spent every year, I admit that these 72 lakhs will have to be spent every year, I think the Indian Railways can afford to spend this amount without feeling any inconvenience.

Then, there is the question of the passes. Now what I have to say about passes to-day is this that let us have at least an equalisation of this concession.

Officers, I am told, get eight or ten sets of passes. Their families are not necessarily larger than the families of the subordinate staff or larger than the families of the inferior staff, and why should they be given a large number of sets of passes I cannot understand.

Then there is the question of the daily-rated men in the workshops. The practice of the Government of India has been to treat workshop employees as daily-rated men.

The Royal Commission had recommended that daily-rated men should be treated as permanent after only one year's continuous service. I would like the Government of India to accept the recommendation of the Royal Commission.

Then there is the question of the war bonuses. I am not quite satisfied with the attitude of the Government. They say that the railwaymen were not asked to make any sacrifice when the prices went down, that their wages and salaries were not reduced.

APPREHENSION ABOUT STATES

Kathiawar Talukdars And "Bhagdars" Fight Shy Of Amalgamation

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, March 8

Regarding the amalgamation of Thana's and non-jurisdictional Talukas with big states it is learnt that three of the first class states refuse to have Talukas under them. Some Talukas are reported to have approached certain States which have shown no desire to take any Taluka under them. These States are Junagad, Morvi and Gondal. The attitude of Talukdars and Bhagdar towards this scheme could be seen from the report of the meeting held of Bhoika Bhagdars in Suttock special officer's presence a few days back in Bhoika. It is reliably learnt that Bhagdars were highly agitated when it was proposed they should go under Limbdi, their parental state. The atmosphere it is learnt, grew hot and some one threatened the possibility of strife if forced to go under Limbdi. Seeing this unfavourable turn of developments the meeting was adjourned.

The incident clearly shows what apprehension prevails among Talukdars to select Chief States as their sovereign and to what extent they are unwilling to be amalgamated with States.

Yuvak Mitra Mandal's Annual Social Gathering

The Twelfth annual Social Gathering of the Shree Yuvak Mitra Mandal was held at Framjee Cowasjee Institute Hall on Thursday evening.

Sjt. Bhagwanlal Ramdas Dossa, the president of the Mandal was in the chair.

After the Secretary had read the yearly report of the Mandal the gathering was entertained with classical Music by Pundit Narayan Rao Vyas, the well-known Singer of Maharashtra.

The Mandal is conducting a free reading room and 'Yuvak Store' at Navi Hanuman Gully, Kalbadevi.

India's Census Commissioner

NEW DELHI, Mar. 6.

Mr. M. W. W. M. Yeatts, Census Commissioner for India, will make a short tour of the Punjab and North Western Frontier. He will leave Delhi on 17th March and will visit Lahore, Rawalpindi and Peshawar.—A. P.

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WAR PURPOSES FUND IN BHOPAL

Contributions From State Budget

BHOPAL, March 8.

A war purposes fund is to be started shortly in Bhopal. A sum of Rs. 2,50,000 has, it is understood, been provided, as a contribution to the fund, from the budget of 1940-41, while from the current year a sum of Rs. 80,000 has been found.

The amounts thus made available, it is learnt, will be used mainly for a field hospital corps which is being organised by the medical department of Bhopal, a convalescent home and for the new battalion that is being raised in Bhopal. These schemes, it is understood, been accepted by the Government of India on behalf of His Majesty's Government.

The women of Bhopal, under the lead of H. H. the Begum of Bhopal, have also started a fund for providing comforts for Indian troops on active service. A flag day was organised to promote this cause, which realised about Rs. 2,000.—A. P.

Thana Raymond Mill Workers' Union

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Mar. 8.

A largely attended meeting of the Thana Raymond Mills workers was addressed yesterday by Mr. R. S. Nimbkar, who exhorted them to form a "Union" to safeguard their rights. The workers signifying their assent to the proposal, a Union styled "The Thana Raymond Mills workers Union" was formed with Mr. R. S. Nimbkar as president.

CIVIL AVIATION

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aviation said: "Most of these crusty old I.C.S. men who sit on this committee have not even seen an aeroplane. And certainly they can hardly be expected to think in terms of future travel by air as part of the natural evolution of civilisation and the change in the customs of man." It will, therefore, take time before there are more men with the imagination and push of the Director of Civil Aviation to come to the helm of affairs and give aviation the necessary encouragement. When such a time comes we may see the growth in India of many internal lines, covering every corner of the country and uniting it from north to south and east to west. The present scheme of a Bombay-Calcutta line is a step in the right direction.

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the changed circumstances or otherwise.

In any case, I hope, our Princes as a class will guide themselves by the prescient vision of democracy of the late Maharaja of Baroda, submit to the inevitable and accept the position envisaged for them by their best friend Mahatma Gandhi.

Joanna Claire, the principal dancer of the "A Trip To The Hades" revue at the Excelsior.

Chang And His 'Honeys' At Excelsior

At the Excelsior is to be seen this week the lively New York revue with the unsual title "A Trip To Hades." This stage spectacle since leaving New York, have appeared in South America, Portugal, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Entirely original in conception, this "mystic musical" revue is headed by the American born Chinese star, Chang. He is known all over the world but this will be his first visit to India. Amongst the bright array of artists, who have appeared in many well-known New York productions are Joanna and Beth Claire, two charming American girls, who with their brilliant dancing will soon be the toast of Bombay. The productions, which first saw the light of day at the famed Roxy Theatre. New York, is presented in twenty-eight scenes, which has been designed by Silvo Bermejo. The musical score has been specially written by Ernesto Lecuona, and the Chinese tapestries come from the looms of Wing Hong, Canton, China. Most of the scenes are Chinese in character and the presentation of "The Legend of Princess San Li Tay", a beautiful and romantic love drama, is staged entirely in the richness of the Far East.

Another unusual presentation in "A Trip To Hades" is the appearance of "Ghosts." We have been given to understand that during the show "Ghosts" actually appear in the Theatre, not only on the stage, but also in the orchestral stalls and the Dress Circle, and that these weird apparitions are seen to walk—and talk to members of the audience Some of these 'Ghosts" we believe, are quite charming! A Special orchestra under the baton of Jimmis Lucas, the Hollywood "honeys" and a number of Chinese artists all contribute to what promises to one of the most interesting entertainments to come to Bombay.

FILMS FOR POSTERITY

Treatment Discovered To Help Future Historian

LONDON, (By Air Mail.)

The historian of to-morrow will find the cinematograph film of yesterday and to-day invaluable to him in his search for details of life in the twentieth century—if the films are there for him to consult.

The "if" is important for she tragedy is that up to the present no treatment of celluloid films has been able to safeguard them from the danger of spontaneous combustion after about ten years.

Lately, British experts have been discussing measures for preserving films for an idefinite period of time by special storage methods, including the maintenance of an even temperature in the place where they are kept.

At the same time, a senior chemist at the Government laboratory at Clement's Inn is experimenting with special preservative treatments for celluloid.

There is little hope of the earlier films surviving, for they are already extremely fragile. But the more important of these will be carefully copied on to celluloid of a more durable nature, so that the future historian may have his contemporary material.

The British Film Institute have acquired special storage vaults for their film library at the late Lord Rothschild's estate at Aston Clinton, Bucks, where films will be stored at an even temperature.

A special train was hired by Circo Production to take certain train shots for their new picture "Geeta" (starring Durga Khote and Chandramohan).

ABOUT THE "GOLDEN BOY"

Problem Of Art Versus Cash

V. PATTOUR writes:—

Advertised as a film every boxer must see, "Golden Boy" (seen last week at Eros) has for its theme a problem that has at some time or other confronted most artists, writers and musicians.

I am unable to say why boxers should especially have been invited to see it, because, if ever there has been a film calculated to fill a boxer with contempt and disgust for his profession, this is it. There have been many films which have had for their subject the squared ring, but they have most of them glorified and exalted the sport or at worst merely exposed the commercialism that surrounds it.

The death of the boxer in this picture does not count for much because injuries and fatalities are frequent in most of the rougher forms of sport like rugby, hockey, etc. The sport provided here, however, is not of the type that any real lover of the game can relish. It is just brutal and unscientific slugging.

COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER

Centering as it does, round a most interesting topic, interesting because it faces many men who have to weigh their love of one profession against the money to be gained at another, this should have been a much better film if the emphasis had been laid at the right points.

The acting on the whole was fairly good, with William Holden giving a very natural performance as the young boxer torn between his love for music and having to earn his living by fighting. He seems a trifle too large, however, for a middleweight. The director is said to have chosen him for his physique and here, as usual, the choice does not seem to speak much for the selective ability of the director. For a man supposed to have a talent for music, Joe Bonaparte shows very little enthusiasm. But this is made up for by his father whose sincerity must be considered beyond dispute, and the actor who played this role must be congratulated on having done it so well. If there is any display of emotion, it never degenerate into sobstuff, being always strong and vigorous.

Adolph Menjou remains suave, but not his usual cool self, which is probably what the story required, while Barbara Stanwyck who plays opposite him and William Holden acts well as a vamp, but owing to the number of "about-turns" she does, one does not know when to take her seriously.

J. Calleia as the gangster is absurdly unreal. This will account for his having to keep one hand in his pocket to convince us that he is a genuine gangster. The moustache and slouch hat add nothing to make him sinister. His performance was surprisingly theatrical.

THE QUESTION.

What is really good about this film is that, in these days when such things are despised and overlooked, it has a moral.

The question it asks is this: Should a man of genius turn to a profession at which he can make money whilst devoting what is left of his time to the cultivation of his talent or should he abandon his talent altogether and concentrate on money making? The only other course open to

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Claudette Colbert and Henry Fonda in "Drums Along The Mohawk", transferred to Capitol for the second week.

Doug. Left Millions

Nothing For First Two Wives; Third Gets Ten Lakh Dollars!

Douglas Fairbanks left 1,000,000 dollars to his widow, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, and 600,000 dollars to his son, Douglas Fairbanks, jr., the filing of his will disclosed.

Other bequests, all to individuals with one exception, totalled approximately 500,000 dollars. The value of the estate was not given since it has yet to be appraised.

The actor, famous for his swashbuckling roles in motion pictures, died in Santa Monica, Calif., December 12. His will, executed on November 2, 1936, a short time after he married Lady Ashley, mentioned neither Mary Pickford, his second wife, nor his first wife, the mother of Douglas Fairbanks, jr. The latter now is Mrs. Jack Whiting of New York, wife of the musical comedy actor.

Fairbanks' first bequest was one of 10,000 dollars to the Motion Picture Actors' Relief Fund of Los Angeles to be known as the "Douglas Fairbanks Fund."

He left 10,000 dollars outright to Charles L. Lewis, "my friend and employee," of Los Angeles; and set up two trust funds of 37,500 dollars each for Kenneth Davenport, of Hollywood, and a cousin, Mrs. Adelaide Crombie, of Los Angeles, with the provision that the principals of the two funds revert to his residuary estate upon the death of the legatees, who are to receive the income for life.

Then he directed that of the residue the sum of 2,000,000 dollars be divided as follows:

"Twenty-fortieths to my beloved wife, Sylvia Fairbanks, if then living, her heirs and assigns forever, such amount not to exceed 1,000,000 dollars."

"Twelve-fortieths to my beloved son, Douglas Fairbanks, jr. his heirs and assigns forever, such amount not to exceed 600,000 dollars.

Two-fortieths or 100,000 dollars to his brother, Robert Fairbanks, of Hollywood, and one-fortieth or 50,000 dollars to a half-brother, Norris Lilcox, of New York.

He next directed that four trust funds of 50,000 dollars each be set up for four nieces—Flobelle Burden, Mary Margaret Chappellet, Letitia Fairbanks and Lucille Fairbanks. They are to receive the income until they reach the age of 40 when they will receive half of the principal. Interest payments shall continue until they reach 50 when they are to receive the balance of the fund.

Having thus disposed of 39 of the 40 parts into which he divided the 2,000,000 dollars, Fairbanks directed that his son receive the remaining one-fortieth or 50,000 dollars "absolutely but with the request that he distributed said sum to the people and in the proportions as I advise him by the letter addressed to him to be found with the will."

The contents of the letter were not disclosed.

Fairbanks further provided that any remaining property be equally divided between his widow and his son.

'UNION PACIFIC' REVIVED

DeMille's Railroad Drama At Broadway

From the historic moment when Abraham Lincoln signed the bill creating the "Union Pacific" to the never-to-be-forgotten occasion at Promontory Point, Utah, when a golden spike hammered into a rail symbolized the realization of a great dream, "Union Pacific," Cecil B. DeMille's production, tells the impressive story of the conquest of a wilderness and the linking of a vast continent with bands of steel, starring Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea. It is revived this week at the Broadway, Dadar.

The Paramount film combines the great events in the road's history with a melodramatic story of two young lovers caught up in the whirlwind and carried along with it. Typical of the thousands who risked their fortune and their lives to turn a dream into reality, Mollie Monahan and Jeff Butler (Miss Stanwyck and McCrea) fight against money manipulators, frontier sharpers, the perils of a wilderness and the attacks of Indian nations making their last stand. Others figuring importantly an all-star cast are Akim Tamiroff, who brings order to the frontier at the end of a bull whip, Lynne Overman, Robert Preston, Brian Donlevy and cast of thousands.

Right out of the red-blooded history of the west comes this reckless, spangled drama of men and women fighting to make the American dream come true; of roaring towns, defiant savages, and the fighting Irish battling to chain a nation with steel.

William Powell and Myrna Loy in "Another Thin Man" at the Metro.

Mr. And Mrs. Thin Man At Metro

Another "Thin Man" film—not exactly so sparkling as its predecessors—at the Metro this week.

Blending laughs with thrills and mystery with mirth in their usual and delightful fashion, the "Thin Man pair return to the screen yesterday in "Another Thin Man" with William Powell and Myrna Loy as Nick and Nora Charles, the title roles they created in the first picture of the series.

The picture is a successor to the two preceding episodes of the "Thin Man" saga which set a high mark in entertainment value and also a new style in mystery pictures. It has the same succession of thrills for the mystery addict, and a murder puzzle which will be even more perplexing to "Thin Man' fans than those that went before.

In addition, it presents a baby Thin Man whose nonchalant ways would wring laughs from brass monkeys or wooden Indians. The baby is played by eight-months-old William Poulsen, chosen from among more than 800 other infants for the spot because of his blase expression.

Others in the large cast which surrounds Powell and Miss Loy include Virginia Grey, Otto Kruger, C. Aubrey Smith, Ruth Hussey, Nat Pendleton, Patric Knowles and Tom Neal. Asta, the famous wire-haired terrier of the "Thin Man" pair, is also present and as caninely-comical as ever.

The story is laid in New York with the murder of a millionaire as its starting point. How shrewd Nick Charles solves the murder, between entertaining his family and rescuing Nora from a Broadway clip joint, makes for topnotch entertainment. It's one of the finest of all screen comedies, a truly must-see picture for the whole family.

As in the previous "Thin Man" pictures, Hunt Stromberg was the producer and W. S. Van Dyke II directed.

"INSPECTOR HORNLEIGH ON HOLIDAY"

Detective Film At Regal

"Inspector Hornleigh On Holiday' is shown this week at the Regal. Gordon Harker is again starred as the stamp-saving sleuth, while Alastair Sim plays his grumbling but ungrudging assistant Sergeant Bingham. Of course "Inspector Hornleigh on Holiday" is a busman's holiday, with the detective and his aide "enjoying" a typical rainy British week at a seaside resort. One of their fellow boarders, a Captain in the Royal Navy, disappears one dismal evening, to be found next morning burned and crushed to death in the wreckage of his roadster at the foot of a cliff. The verdict of the local police, who identify the charred body by a tatto-mark on the hand, is suicide. At this point, Hornleigh, who has his own ideas about the affair, reveals his identity and cuts-short his vacation to investigate. What he uncovers proves one of his most amazing cases and the Inspector has a talent for amazing cases.

Laurel and Hardy in "Flying Deuces", second week at New Empire and (right) Gordon Harker in a scene from "Inspector Hornleigh On Holiday" at Regal.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD" AT BANDRA TALKIES

From to-day, for four days Bandra Talkies is to revive Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's mystery comedy, "It's a Wonderful World" starring for the first time together Claudette Colbert and James Stewart.

In sprightly dialogue and many complications, the picture reveals the efforts of James Stewart, as an amateur detective and Claudette Colbert as a poetess, to solve a murder mystery wherein Stewart is innocently involved. Together they track down the real murderer after a series of daring exploits and clever deductions and both find they are in love, despite the fact that Stewart is finally forced to sock Miss Colbert on the jaw.

The film is packed with amusing thought not very original situations tumbling over one another with rattling dialogue.

SUNDAY MORNING.

On Sunday at 10-30 a.m. will be screened "The Bride of Frankenstein" starring Boris Karloff.

"CAMILLE"

Greta Garbo And Robert Taylor In Famous Classic At Metro On Sunday Morning

There will be a special show at the Metro at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning of "Camille", the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film of the famous Dumas classic with Greta Garbo in the tragic title role and Robert Taylor leading an important supporting cast.

"DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK"

Transferred To Capitol For Second Week

Continued for the second week at Capitol is "Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Drums along the Mohawk." Filmed in Technicolour by Bert Glennon the cameraman of "Stage coach", under the direction of John Ford, the 20th Century-Fox picture.

Action in technicolour is the only highlight of "Drums Along the Mohawk." Starred in the film are Claudette Colbert and Henry Fonda, as a pair of young pioneers who settle in the Mohawk Valley and soon find themselves under the onslaught of the savage Iroquois. In the days when torch and tomahawk spread their terror, these two braved the wilderness together.

The film is based on the best-seller by Walter D. Edmonds, renowned author whose Mohawk Valley background is matched only by Henry Fonda, who himself was born and raised in the Valley and bears one of its best-known names. Featured in the cast are Edna May Oliver, Eddie Collins, John Carradine, Dorris Bowdon, Jessie Ralph Arthur Shields, Robert Lowery and Roger Imhof. The screen play was written by Lamar Trotti and Sonya Levien. Not the least remarkable fact about "Drums Along the Mohawk" is the great location trip that marked its production. More than 300 studio workers and actors were transported to a valley in Utah which approximated New York's famed locale. There a little town was built, complete with shops and even a local newspaper, which lasted for just a month.

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him to-day seems to be the old fashioned one of starving in a garret. Many people may say that no man of genius need struggle for very long to-day for recognition. Facts seem to disprove this. Where a man has a talent for something that is catchy and popular like the writing of romantic novels, humorous stories, commercial art or jazz, he is usually well-rewarded in youth. But when his talent is for something that does not easily conform to the popular taste, it is only his interest in his work that keeps him at it.

As an instance, we may take Tony Sisti, the American artist, who earned money as a boxer whilst spending his spare time in painting. His case is parallel to that in the film.

The picture concluded somewhat strangely for I expected Joe Bonaparte to commit suicide, not in expiation of the accidental death of his opponent, but from a realization of the sheer futility of what he had been doing.

(The "Chronicle" film critic does not necessarily agree with the views expressed by the correspondent).

G. SUBBULAKSHMI in "Bhakhta Chetha," Tamil film to be shown at Broadway on Sunday.

STAR FLASHES

by BRUNO

HENRY O'NEILL PLAYS HIS 62 ND DOCTOR'S ROLE IN 'FOUR WIVES'.
YOU ALL DON'T GIT NUFF YOU ALLS INTO IT, HONEY!
Gale SONDERGAARD
HAS THE UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF HAVING WON THE ACADEMY AWARD FOR HER VERY FIRST SCREEN APPEARANCE — (IT WAS IN "ANTHONY ADVERSE")
IRENE DUNNE WAS FURNISHED A VOICE COACH BECAUSE THE DIRECTOR DIDN'T LIKE HER SOUTHERN ACCENT IN "HIS FAVORITE WIFE" — (SHE WAS BORN IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY!)

Latest Gallops At Mahaluxmi

COEUR DE LION, LOCH NESS AND MONOCLE SHAPE WELL—SOLMINT WELL TO HAND

FROM OUR TRACK CORRESPONDENT

The following gallops were noted through the week.

COEUR DE LION (Evans) traversed ten furlongs on the racing grass in attractive fashion. Fit and well.

LOCH NESS (R. Boy) and ONE I LOVE (Britt) were seen together in a good pace nine furlongs on the racing grass. Both shaped well.

MONOCLE (Burn) and DELPHI (Meakings) finished about level in a strong pace mile spin.

FLYING ORDERS (Rook) gave a very Satisfactory display when sent a mile on the race track.

VANDYKE (Brace) disposed of HIS LORDSHIP (White) in a sharp pace mile run on the racing grass.

SOLMINT (Gethin) showed superior speed to DIGNITARY (R. Boy) in a half-mile dash on the race-track. He is now well to hand.

CAVE MAN (Rook) had the measure of King's HIGHWAY (Lott) in a brisk mile spin on the race-track.

DABBS (Brace) shaped very well in a run over seven furlongs.

MULTYFARNHAM (Marrable) did a good seven furlongs and pleased.

APPENZELL (R. Boy) showed useful speed for 4 furlongs.

JABBAR (R. Boy) gave a speedy display when put over 4 furlongs.

SEVENTH HEAVEN (Maxwell) was well in hand when beating SARKHAT (R. Boy) over six furlongs.

CHIEF RULER (Maxwell) was impressive when covering six furlongs on the racing grass. Must run well to-morrow.

ZAHIR (Brace) and MITFA AL IRAQ (R. Boy) were together at the end of a sharply run mile on the tan.

Second Day Of Bombay Spring Meeting

Accepters, Weights And Order Of Running For Saturday's Nine Events

The following are the Accepters, Weights and Order of Running for the Second Day of the Bombay Spring Meeting to be run at Mahalaxmi, to-day.

FIRST RACE: 2-0 p. m.

THE KURLA PLATE. Distance—1 mile.

Winner Rs. 1,500; Second Rs. 500; Third Rs. 250. For Arabs in Class III. W. A. reduced 7 lbs. Penalties—Winners in India after 29th July, 1939, once 4 lbs.; twice 7 lbs.; oftener 12 lbs. Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under 4 lbs.

To be ridden by Riding Boys and Half Jockeys.

Bayhas 8-10; Dhib al Sahra'a 8-6; Romantic Prince 8-6; Hatim al Iraq 8-4; Mitfa al Iraq 8-1; President 8-1; Jambal 8-1; Faraj Allah 8-1; The Pilot 8-0; Suba al Zaman 8-0; Idris Beg 8-0; Kannan Beg 7-8; Hazim Beg 7-8.

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SECOND RACE: 2-30 p.m.

THE QUARRYMAN PLATE. Division II. Distance—6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,500; Second Rs. 1,000, Third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Indian Horses in Class "A".

Hot Whisper 9-0; Rotten Row 9-0; Satara 9-0; Formosa 8-7; Laxmidhar 8-7; Can Can 8-7; Mahboob's Choice 8-7; Noble King 8-5; Kilcash 8-5; Blue Bonnet 8-2; Potato Jones 8-2; Philderer 8-0; Pratap 8-0.

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THIRD RACE: 3-0 p.m.

The QUARRYMAN PLATE. Division I. Distance—6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,500; Second 1,000; Third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Indian Horses in Class "A".

The Duchess 9-1; Vallena 8-13; Rathavon 8-11; Shahenshah 8-9; Hue d'Or 8-9; Fancy Glen 8-2, Sappho 7-13; Tap Dance 7-11; Dimples 7-5.

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FOURTH RACE: 3-30 p.m.

THE SYRIAN PLATE. Division II. Distance—6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 600, Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Arabs in Classes I and II.

Gold Deposit 9-0; Burges 9-0; Taj Subhan 9-0; Dahman Suri 8-8; Astafer Allah 8-8; Charge of Luck 8-4; Aziza 8-4; Kabadon Jamil 8-4; Golden Dawn 8-2; Saad Nazam 8-2; King Hilal 7-13; Jabbar 7-13; Moonstone 7-11; Fahad Pasha 7-9; Sabhan Hamid 7-9.

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FIFTH RACE: 4-0 p.m.

THE FERMOY PLATE. Division II. Distance—7 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,000; Second Rs. 1,000, Third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Horses in Class III.

Girvan 9-2; Fresh Kid 8-4; Reviresco 8-12; Cougar 8-12; March Wind 8-12; Galahad Star 8-9; Red Gold 8-6, Multyfarnham 8-6; Shankarprasad 8-4; Lens 8-2; Aftalon 8-0, Dark Wings 7-12; Peace Treaty 7-10; Panna Prince 7-9; Quite True 7-7

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SIXTH RACE: 4-30 p.m.

THE FERMOY PLATE. Division I. Distance—7 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,000; Second Rs. 1,000; Third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Horses in Class III.

Final Glance 9-4; Apple Jelly 9-2; Advance 9-2; Terrace 9-0; Billard 8-12; What's What 8-7; Mark You 8-6; Sir Robin 8-4; Dabbs 8-2; Hassina 7-12; Marina 7-7.

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SEVENTH RACE: 5-0 p.m.

THE AGA KHAN'S SPRING CUP. Distance—1 1/4 miles.

A Cup value Rs. 1,000 presented by H. H. The Right Hon'ble Aga Sir Sultan Muhammad Shah, Aga Khan, P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., and Rs. 10,000 from the Fund. Winner the Cup and Rs. 7,000; Second Rs. 2,000; Third Rs. 1,000.

A Handicap for Horses in Classes I and II.

One I Love 9-9; Loch Ness 8-10, Coeur de Lion 8-10; Flying Order 8-10; Solmint 8-9; His Lordship 8-7; Monocle 8-7; Ravioli 8-2; Levant 7-4; Cavalier 8-2; Saxicola 8-2; Leander 8-2; Shivaji the Great 8-0; Maratha Emperor 7-7; Cash 7-4; Delphi 8-0; Dinah's Son 7-10; Carioca 7-4.

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EIGHTH RACE: 5-30 p. m.

THE SYDNEY PLATE. Distance—1 mile, 1 furlong.

Winner Rs. 2,000; Second Rs. 700; Third Rs. 300. A Handicap for Horses in Class IV.

Mademoiselle Eileen 9-4; Rose of Persia II 9-0; Wait-a-Bit 8-10; Mr. Pip 8-9; Talkless 8-9; Appenzell 8-9; Koanga 8-8; Winning Post 8-8; Amulet 8-7; Abundantia 8-6; Greek Gem 8-6; Naidor 8-5; Wangalla 8-4; Heritance 8-4; So That's That 8-4; Mona Liza 8-3; Scotch 8-0; Ferryman 8-0.

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NINTH RACE: 6-0 p.m.

THE SYRIAN PLATE. Division I—6 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,000; Second Rs. 1,000, Third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Arabs in Classes I and II.

Seventh Heaven 10-4; Chief Ruler 7-12; Royal Rival 9-2; Kolhapur 8-12; Great Star 8-2; Sarkhat 8-2; Shirley Temple 8-0; Reformer 8-0; Ghazalan 7-12, Walk Over 7-12; Majid Pasha 7-12; Thousand Dollars 7-4.

NAKED TRUTH

PROFESSIONALISM IN CRICKET

A Panel Of All-India Umpires: India-Ceylon Tours

MADRAS, Mar. 8.

The question of interchange of visits of cricket teams between India and Ceylon will be finally decided by the Board Of Control for cricket in India when it meets at Calcutta on April 20.

Another important subject which will come up for consideration at this meeting will be the reports of the Umpires Sub-Committee and the Professional Cricket Sub-Committee.

It will be of interest to note that the Umpires Sub-Committee has recommended the formation of an All-India panel of umpires, while the Professional Cricket Sub-Committee has urged the recognition of professionalism in cricket holding that such recognition is bound to lead to the improvement of cricket in India. The Committee has accepted the view of the M. C. C. "That a cricketer is regarded as a professional if he receives wages for playing cricket."

Reports submitted by local associations on the steps taken by them to collect donations for the Patiala Memorial Fund will be considered. The board has decided to utilise this fund for the purpose of strengthening the Inter Provincial Cricket Championship.—A. P.

ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE FOR WOMEN

Mrs. Naidu Advocates Industrial Training For Widows

PATNA, March 6.

"The economic independence of women is an essential part of the struggle for securing the economic and political salvation of the country as a whole", says Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, a member of the Congress Working Committee, presiding over the first anniversary meeting of the Industrial School for women held at Bankipore.

Continuing Mrs. Naidu said that in different parts of India, women's organisation had in recent years given great impetus to the movement for giving industrial training to women and arrangements had been made for the marketing of the goods prepared by them. Many women were working in their homes and their produce was sold through these organisations. The problem of economic independence, she added, for women had assumed very great importance of late and the only method of raising the widows from their present plight was by equipping them with the necessary training whereby they might earn their living and cease to be the servants of their families and their burden. The sorrows of the widows to-day, Mrs. Naidu continued, must be removed by their energies diverted towards useful national services. Industrial training for women would not make women competitors of man in production but it would enable the women to make their contribution to the family income whereby the family would be able to provide better food and better education for the children.

Mrs. Naidu laid great stress on the need for expansion of literacy among masses, particularly among women. So far as the literacy among women was concerned, she said, it must not rest with teaching of mere reading and writing but should include the teaching of handicraft and in this sense the Industrial School for women was rendering valuable services in the cause of adult education for women.

Mrs. Naidu left for Bhagalpur late in the afternoon.—United Press.

THE "ELPHINSTONIAN"

At a time when paper is unusually expensive it is delightful to be able to handle a college magazine which is so well produced as the "Elphinstonian." It stands out from a whole mass of college magazines that have come out this year. There are many fine contributions. Among those, special mention can be made of Mr. Nargolwala's stanzas written on a visit to Keats House, Hampstead London. The last two of these read:

"I do not know what fate was thine
What life remains hereafter;
I do not know where rests thy soul,
That knew little joy or laughter.
But thou has left behind such joy
As none but thee could impart,
And death could never dim the hues,
Of thy harmonies in my heart."

This and other bits here and there make the magazine first class.

Selections For To-day's Races

Levant Must Figure Prominently In Cup

By "SENEX".

An interesting programme is down for decision to-day Alec Higgins appears to hold the key to the situation in the Aga Khan's Spring Cup and I have an idea will rely on LEVANT to do the trick.

2-0 p.m. The Kurla Plate—1 mile.

MITFA AL IRAQ	1
BAYHAS	2
THE PILOT	3

2-30 p.m. The Quarryman Plate. Div. II—6 furlongs.

MAHBOOB'S CHOICE	1
HOT WHISPER	2
CAN CAN	3

3-0 p.m. The Quarryman Plate. Div. I—6 furlongs.

THE DUCHESS	1
TAP DANCE	2
SHAHENSHAH	3

3-30 p.m. The Syrian Plate. Div. II—6 furlongs.

CHANGE OF LUCK	1
ASTAFER ALLAH	2
GOLD DEPOSIT	3

4-0 p.m. The Fermoy Plate. Div. II—7 furlongs.

MULTYFARNHAM	1
GALAHAD STAR	2
RED GOLD	3

4-30 p.m. The Fermoy Plate. Div. I—7 furlongs.

WHAT'S WHAT	1
SIR ROBIN	2
HASSINA	3

5-0 p.m. The Aga Khan's Spring Cup—1 1/4 mile.

LEVANT	1
MONOCLE	2
COEUR DE LION	3

5-30 p.m. The Sydney Plate—1 mile 1 furlong.

KOANGA	1
APPENZELL	2
WANGALLA	3

6-0 p.m. The Syrian Plate. Div. I—6 furlongs.

CHIEF RULER	1
KOLHAPUR	2
REFORMER	3

DOUBLE:—
THE DUCHESS and WHAT'S WHAT

TREBLE:—
MULTYFARNHAM, LEVANT and KOANGA

Mr. Knight Visits Kanara Khadi Centres

(From Our Correspondent)

BAGALKOT, March 8

Mr. Knight Adviser to the Government of Bombay visited Hosur 'Gul' centre and Gurlhosur Khadi centre yesterday and evinced great interest in the work done at both centres.

This morning Mr. Knight visited Khajjidoni and inspected old women spinning with old Charkhas. Mr. Knight also visited Kaladgi Khadi centre and inspected the stock and fine kundargi blankets.

Visiting the slate factory recently started Mr. Knight proceeded to Bijapur.

Bombay's Health Statistics

Health of Bombay during the 9th week of 1940. Week ending 2nd March 1940. The total mortality 598 was 6 more than in the last week and the death rate registered was 26.8 on the Census population of 1931 as against 568 for the 9th week of 1939 and the death rate 25.5. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 620 and the death rate 27.7.

Out of the total deaths 154 were among infants under one year of age.

During the week, smallpox caused 64 attacks (including 6 imported—one each from Malegaon, Bandra, Div and Morla (Dist. Belgaum) and two from Ahmedabad) and 23 deaths. Cholera and Plague were absent. There were 5 deaths from Typhoid, Cerebro spinal fever caused 5 attacks (including one imported from Khed, Dist. Poona) and no deaths.

The number of live births registered during the week was 753 which compares favourably with that for the 9th week of 1939 viz. 671 and 676 the quinquennial average for the corresponding weeks in the five years (1935-39).

NEW DELHI, March 8

Mr. S. Satyamurti, Mayor of Madras and President Indian Overseas Central Association, Delhi, was entertained at a party this evening by the association. A large gathering was present including Mr. Bulabhai Desai and Mr. G. S. Bozman, Mr. C. E. Jones, Mr. J. D. Tyson and Mr. K. C. Srinivasan.

NON-CO-OPERATION IN CEYLON

Discussion On Ex-Premier's Resolution Adjourned In State Council

COLOMBO, March 8.

After three days debate, Sir Baron Jayatilaka's Non-Co-operation Resolution in the State Council was adjourned till 13th May to allow an opportunity for the former Ministers to carry on negotiations with the Governor. The ex-Ministers gave an undertaking to the State Council that they would come before it with the results of the conversations for its approval and not return to office unless "our rights under the constitution are restored."

WHAT ABOUT INDIANS.

One of the interesting points in the debate over the resolution was that Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, ex-Minister, declared that the Home Minister's order to the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Banks, did not come within the ambit of interference with the administration of Justice but with the ambit of public policy." The whole question was whether the people of Ceylon were prepared to extend just treatment to the citizens of India when they come to work here," he added.—A. P.

Mysore Bankers To Form Association

BANGALORE, Mar. 8.

A move is afoot for the formation of an Association of Bankers in the State with its headquarters at Bangalore. A Committee has been constituted with power to add to their number to frame rules and regulations and take other necessary steps. Rao Saheb C. Hayanadan Rao is the Charman of the Committee.—A.P.

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WORLD OF SPORT: HOME AND ABROAD

Henrichs Memorial Shield For Inter-Provincial Tournament

(BY LOOKER-ON.)

Soon after the demise of Mr. A. C. Henrichs of the W. I. F. A. Ltd., there was a talk among his friends and admirers to start a Memorial Fund. It is but meet that a man, who had given the best part of his life for the advancement of soccer in this city, should have a worthy memorial. The W. I. F. A. Committee has started a Rupee Fund to which all football-lovers are requested to subscribe. I have no doubt that a handsome figure will be raised for the purpose at an early date.

WORTHY MEMORIAL

There is a suggestion, it seems, to start a tournament for local teams and donate a shield for its trophy. I do not agree with this proposal. As it is we have too many competitions for local clubs and it will serve no useful purpose to add one more to the list. It will fall flat. Besides, the Memorial which is to be raised in the name of Henrichs should be worthy of his great services. I understand Mr. J. C. Maitra, a Vice-President of the Association, has proposed that the trophy should be utilised for an Inter-Provincial Tournament which the All-India Football Federation may be persuaded to sanction. The W. I. F. A. may undertake the responsibility of giving it a start this year. The other provinces may take it up and run it on the lines of the hockey tournament just concluded in this city.

CHANCES OF SUCCESS

I hear that Mr. Maitra's idea has gained considerable ground during the last few days and it is being talked of everywhere. Some of the provincial bodies, I am told, would be too glad to co-operate to make the tournament a success. Now that we have the President and Honorary Secretary of the A. I. F. F. belonging to this city we hope they will press for its acceptance at the next meeting of the Federation. An Inter-Provincial tournament is an urgent necessity. It is of greater national importance than all the other competitions put together. No effort should be spared to bring it into being. I do not think the financial considerations are insoluble. If all the others have resolved them, I do not see any reason why football should fail.

COOPERAGE CALLS!

With the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament to run its full course still, it seems rather early to talk of the coming football season. But the people who guide the destiny of soccer in this city have decided to hail the soccer season earlier than usual. As a matter of fact the Nadkarni Cup Tournament which is open to purely Indian teams, will commence on 20 of this month. The underlying idea is said to be to give the barefooted teams a chance to play under conditions they like best. Last year as many as 47 teams had entered the lists. With the growing popularity of soccer among Indians, even this number may be surpassed this year.

AT PAREL TOO

The Indian Football League is also preparing to start their season at Parel early next month. Their object, I am informed, is to conclude their season before the Senior Rovers reaches its interesting stage. From a past experience it has been felt that popular enthusiasm for soccer diminishes after the Blue Riband of Western India is over. If all the tournaments are finished before it, they have a greater chance of financial success. Besides the teams and players will be happier in the thought that they will have less to do with the monsoon than in previous years. Anyway, the experiment is worth trying, as it is likely to benefit all concerned.

M. & S. M. BEAT NIZAM'S RAILWAY

NEW DELHI, March 8.

In the Inter-Railway Hockey Tournament this evening, the M. and S. M. Railway from Madras defeated the Nizam State Railway by four goals to one. Jeffries the left-inner, scored twice.

The M. and S. M. Railway was decidedly the better team and their forwards combined well and showed good stickwork well supported by the backs and halves. The M. and S. M. enjoyed a larger share of the game.

TEAMS

M. AND S. M. RAILWAY:—Adie, T. Paris, R. Brooks; H. Scanlon, A. Starr, S. Wylde, M. Smith, C. Satur, L. Rozario, H. Jeffries, and Gounger.

NIZAM STATE RAILWAY:—Franklin; O. Downed, Ghenpu; O. Downed and Ghenpu; D. Monte Jeelani, Parkh; Dunham, Rahman Khan, H. Paul, E. Paul, Janardhan.—A. P.

Prizes For Poster Designs

The Government of Bombay has awarded three prizes to the following students of the Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay, for poster designs emphasising the right of the Scheduled Classes to the free use of public wells: Mr. Y. H. Rajwadhkar, Rs. 30; Mr. M. T. Bagaitkar, Rs. 15; Mr. T. J. Pereira, Rs. 5.

Mr. Rajwadhkar's design has been selected for reproduction. It appeals to the orthodox section of the public to grant freely to the Scheduled Classes a fundamental right regarding a vital necessity of life.

PATNA, March 8

His Excellency the Governor of Bihar granted an interview to Munshi Iswar Saran today.—A. P.

BOMBAY'S FOOTBALL SEASON COMMENCES ABOUT 20TH MARCH

NADKARNI CUP TOURNAMENT

Entry forms can be obtained from Hon. Secretary, W. I. F. A. Ltd., Cooperage.

Latif about to score Bombay's first goal in the Inter-Provincial Hockey Championship final.

W. Fernandes, Bombay's Captain, with the All-India Hockey Championship Trophy.

Nadkarni Cup
FOOTBALL BEGINS ON MARCH 20

The Nadkarni Cup Football Tournament is gaining in popularity with each season. This year no less than 50 clubs are likely to participate, which means the 1939 record entry of 47 teams is topped. It all means that football has definitely caught on in Western India. This is mainly due to the untiring efforts of the Western India Football Association who want to provide football for all.

The Nadkarni Cup competition is confined to Indian Clubs and elicits considerable interest. Fans probably recall the warm enthusiasm that crept in at the closing stages last year.

This year the first game in the tournament is expected to be played on March 20, which will send up the curtain on Bombay's football season.

The Young Goans, who are cultivating the habit of winning this tourney, will face keen opposition this year. Many clubs have been putting together quite good sides. The Young Goans have the honour of winning the Nadkarni trophy for the past three years and we are told are out to continue their sequence of successes.

The Hon. Secretary, W. I. F. A. desires to inform junior clubs again that the affiliation fee this year for junior clubs remains at Rs. 7/8, which means there is no increase on the former figure, and will not be Rs. 15, as was rumoured in football circles.

FAMINE RELIEF CENTRES IN AJMER-MERWARA

Viceroy's Inspection Tour

AJMER, March 8

H. E. the Viceroy spent the whole day of the 7th of March in Ajmer which he visited informally in order to study famine conditions there and the work of relief. The Hon'ble Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad, accompanied H. E. on his visit to the relief works

His Excellency drove to the Relief Camp No. 2 in the Gegal Ramtdhani area about ten miles northeast of Ajmer. H. E. inspected the lay out of the camp and visited the Camp Hospital, where he spoke with the medical officer in charge.

H. E. motored several miles along the alignment of the new road and was greeted by many thousands of workers. Later H. E. visited the Akhri Centre where repairs and improvements to a large tank are in progress. During his visit, H. E. asked many questions regarding the methods of agriculture pursued in the area—particularly whether 'dry farming' had been seriously attempted and regarding the possibilities of a deep-water survey.

In the evening His Excellency visited the Mayo College H. E. left for Delhi by train the same night.

There are at present 30 relief camps in the district of Ajmer-Merwara and relief is being given on these to some 2,15,000 workers and dependants. An outbreak of smallpox in some of the centres has been checked by a large scale campaign of vaccination, and already over 1,25,000 persons have been vaccinated. An expert in diet and nutrition is working in the district in collaboration with the special medical officer and measures have been taken to watch for and prevent deficiency diseases.

EAST THANA DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, March 8

At a meeting held recently in the B. J. High School and convened by Mr. G. P. Kale, Assistant Deputy Educational Inspector for Physical Education, Bombay, an institution named "East Thana District Secondary Schools Athletic Association" was inaugurated. Secondary Schools from Bhiwandi, Kalyan, Ghatkopar, Kurla etc. have enrolled themselves as members. The Association proposes to hold Inter-Schools Sports in the ensuing Easter holidays.

MADRAS RACES

Acceptances For To-day

MADRAS, March 8.

The following are the acceptances for the first day of the First Extra Meeting to be held on Saturday March 9, 1940:—

PATNA PLATE.—(Distance about 7 furlongs):

Gangway 9-4, Meadow Grass 9-2, How's That 8-12, Marilla 8-6, Tetroado 8-4, Sol D'Amour 8-3 Boheur 8-1 Gordon 7-11, Never Smile 7-8.

POONAMALLEE PLATE.—(Distance about 6 furlongs):

Mad Hatter 9-7, Menu Suffrage 8-13, Silver Armour 8-13, Taramati 11 8-, Desert Dawn 7-11, Tolvanera 7-4.

PALNI PLATE.—(Distance about one mile):

Taj Nazam 9-4, Santa Clause 8-10, Krushan Beg 8-8, Adwan-Al-Muluk 8-8, Magic Moon 8-6, King Farouq 8-5, Lookman 8-5, Masud Farhan 8-2, Turkey 8-1, Mahmood Beg 8-0, Tahrwatu 8-0, Fil-Al-Iraq 7-13.

MAHRABA PLATE.—(Distance about 6 furlongs) Div. I:

Hassan Pasha 9-4, Arjun 9-2, Night Hawk 8-13, Sayid Beg 8-11, Double Height 8-11, Muwafak 8-10, Mahrus-Al-Iraq 8-7, Wadia 8-6, Zafar Pasha 8-3, Mutashar Beg 7-6.

MAHRABA PLATE.—(Distance about 6 furlongs) Div. II:

Mudrik 9-4, Taj Lebanon 9-2, Muzoom 8-13, Hafiz 8-8, British Flag 8-4, Minister 8-3, Gallant Boy 8-2, Flying Fox 8-1, Muqbil-Al-Khair 7-5, Honeymoon 7-4.

This race will be ridden by riding boys.

DAIAL PLATE.—(Distance about 7 furlongs):

Saad Taha 9-4, Moon Bay 9-3, Mahboobat Tariq 8-12, Khalil 8-8, Suhama Forsaken 8-4, Mutlaq 8-4, Winning Spark 7-13, Shuweiman 7-10, Fraidoon 7-9, Atiyat Allah 7-6, All Honour 7-6.

NOVICE INDIAN PLATE.—(Distance about 5 furlongs):

Sherabel 9-3, Swing Time 9-3, Sunrich 7-12, Sit Fast 7-12, Step Chilly 7-12.

NOVICE GRIFFIN PLATE.—(Distance about 6 furlongs):

William Tell 9-4, Cherry Ripe 9-1, Polock 8-8, Indian Rose 8-8, Mahalakshmi 8-7, Sonsy Lass 8-3, Karls Cross 8-0, Lynch Law 7-12.

The first race will be run at 2-30 p.m.

RED CROSS FUND TENNIS

Puncec, Mitic And Local Stars To Help

The Bombay Presidency Red Cross Fund should benefit through the big tennis show its Entertainment's Committee are staging to-day and Sunday. Franjo Puncec and Dragutin Mitic will be seen in action, and with several Bombay stars will go to make up a tennis feast. The local talent will be Miss Leila Row, Miss K. Haji, F. Bekkevold, E. V. Bobb, J. E. Tew and G. L. Mytton.

Prices have been kept low and all can view two afternoons of splendid tennis for Rs. 1/2 or just 9 annas. The same entrance will be charged on both days.

The entire proceeds are to go to the Bombay Presidency Red Cross Fund. Puncec and Mitic are both appearing without a fee with the consent of the South Club, Calcutta.

On each day play will commence at 4-15 p.m. on the centre court of the Cricket Club of India.

The following is the programme:

TO-DAY

F. Puncec vs. F. Bekkevold.
D. Mitic vs. E. V. Bobb.
F. Puncec and Miss K. Haji vs. D. Mitic and Miss L. Row.

SUNDAY

F. Puncec vs. E. V. Bobb.
D. Mitic vs. F. Bekkevold.
F. Puncec and D. Mitic vs. J. E. Tew and G. L. Mytton.

A large congregation of Hindu devotees collected on the Chowpatty sands for the holy bath in the sea on Thursday, Mahashivratri day, in Bombay.

Y. W. C. A. Debators Want Capital Punishment To Stay

"Capital Punishment should be abolished" was the subject of a debate held under the auspices of the Association's East and West Club at Y. W. C. A. Hall on Friday evening.

The proposition was moved by Mr. M. R. Masani, while Prof. D'Andrade opposed, it. After long and interesting discussion by speakers of both sides the proposition was put to the vote and lost.

Gold Medal For Bharathi Brothers

(From A Correspondent)

A series of discourses on Mahabarat in Tamil given by the Bharathi brothers of Conjeevaram in the South Indian Bhajana Samaj came to an end on Wednesday last. The president of the Samaj paid a fitting tribute to Barathiars for their very lucid and instructive discourses for nearly a month. The South Indian public in token of their appreciation presented the two brothers with a gold medal and a purse. Their frequent quotations from Kural and Thirupugal revealed the great treasure and truth contained in Tamil literature.

The Gogras Gojivadan Society of Bombay Rescues cows and other animals from being sold for slaughter on the 15th day of the month of Posh every year. This year on the same day 718 animals were rescued by the Society. The above picture shows a cow which was thus rescued.

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Create Buffer State Of Tribal Area

ZAFFER ALI ATTACKS INDIA GOVT.'S "FRONTIER POLICY" IN CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, March 8.

In the Central Assembly to-day, Maulana Zafar-ali moved the third Muslim League cut to discuss "The Forward Policy of the Government of India in the N. W. F. P."

WAR WHICH NONE WANTS

He traced the history of this policy and said that the Congress left offices because it was not consulted with regard to the war in Europe, but here was a miniature war going on the Frontier, without the consent of anyone in India.

TRIBESMEN RESENT ATTACK ON LIBERTY

He attributed the raids to the tribesmen's resentment at what they considered efforts to deprive them of the liberty, which they had preserved all through history. If even one-tenth of what they were spending on the Frontier had been spent in building hospitals and schools, peace would be restored on the borderland. Mussalmans, he said, were opposed to the Forward Policy and would like the war on the Frontier stopped at once.

Sardar Sant Singh: By both sides or by one side?

BUFFER STATE AND SUBSIDY.

Maulana Zafarali declared that peace on the borderland could be easily achieved and he suggested that Government should carve out a Buffer State with a population of about 30 lakhs and give the State a subsidy, if necessary. That State would serve as a bulwark against Russia's march.

He also asked that Government should give an assurance to the Faqir of Ipi that England was not inimical but friendly to Islam and that Government forces would be withdrawn as soon as peace was restored.

The Assembly adjourned till Monday when the debate will be continued.

TEN TRIBESMEN KILLED

BANNU, Mar. 8.

Ten tribesmen were killed and thirty wounded in the engagement recently reported between a party of the Frontier Constabulary and a gang of about 350 Mahsuds according to details received here.

On receipt of information that a hostile gang was seen in Sarwaki area with the intent to proceed to Zhob valley in Baluchistan, Mr. Hurdon, District Officer, Frontier Constabulary, detailed parties at all strategic points to prevent entry into British territory. A Frontier Constabulary party of 30 came into contact with the gang and held them up until reinforcements arrived from Drazinda.

It is stated that among the killed is Jahan Khan Mahsud, who took a prominent part in the kidnapping of Maj. Duggal.

Another gang of fifty Mahsuds under the leadership of the notorious outlaw, Nawab Mirani, who led the Musasai raid, was also successfully dealt with in the Shirani territory.

Constabulary Engage Gang

The Frontier Constabulary established contact yesterday with a gang of about 70 raiders at Kutti Khel between Shinghar and Suighar hills, which run parallel to each other at a distance of three miles near Pez.

The Constabulary had left Panila in Dera Ismail Khan to pursue the gang in Sheikhbudin hills and encountered it at 4 p.m. yesterday. Rapid firing was exchanged for one hour. Unable to withstand the withering fire from the Constabulary the gang dispersed. No casualties are reported.

Thinking that the enemy might make another attempt to cross Suighar towards Panila or Paharpur, the Constabulary held their positions occupied during the night but no incident is reported.

Gul Nawaz Jailed

Gul Nawaz, who was arrested while pasting objectionable posters on an electric pole in Bannu city, has been convicted and sentenced by the Assistant Commissioner to three years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 under Sec. 124-A, I. P. C.

The posters were alleged to have been signed by the followers of Faizal and Gul Nawaz, for whose arrest Government had announced rewards of Rs 2,000 and Rs. 3,000 respectively.

Futile Chase

Pursuit parties of the police, the Frontier Constabulary and the District Armed Reserve have been chasing the gang which ambushed a bus about four miles from Bannu yesterday.

The Superintendent of Police and the District Officer, Frontier Constabulary, who accompanied the pursuit parties, returned to Bannu at 10-30 p.m. last night via Domel having followed the hostiles through Jour, Chinghosh and Kanshu nullas as far as Marghab near Latambar over a distance of 30 miles.

RAIDERS ESCAPE.

The raiders were ahead of pursuit parties by one hour and it is feared that they have succeeded in escaping into the tribal territory. Immediate contact was rendered impossible by the broken country full of ravines near the bed of the Kurram river.

After crossing the sandy desert where the footprints of about a dozen raiders were visible, no further traces could be found as darkness had set in.

During the night, the police and the Frontier Constabulary pickets held positions at strategic points on the Bannu-Kohat Road as far as Latambar.—A. P.

PATROL PARTY ENGAGES RAIDERS

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Mar. 8.

A sharp engagement between a patrol party of the Frontier Constabulary and a raiding gang is reported to have occurred last night near Koti Khel following the measures taken by the District Authorities to comb the district with a view to eliminating the danger of raids.

Further details are lacking.

Another gang was tracked from Hathala to Takwara by a pursuit party of the Frontier Constabulary.

Political Agent Takes Gang By Ruse

How the Political Agent, South Waziristan, with a party of Scouts, dressed as tribesmen with rifles carefully concealed in the folds of their "Chaddars" succeeded in rounding up a tribal gang has just been revealed.

Acting on information that a gang had taken up position on Tanai-Gulkuch road, the Political Agent took out a party of Scouts. They proceeded in taxis in order not to arouse suspicion. When the taxis reached the spot, where the gang had taken position they found the road blocked with boulders. The raiders immediately surrounded the Scouts; the passengers were asked to alight and line up. As soon as the Scouts got down out came the rifles. The entire gang was captured with their arms. So surprised were they that they hardly offered any resistance.

FURTHER MEASURES.

The Deputy Commissioner is proceeding to-morrow on a tour of inspection of the new road linking the Frontier Province with Baluchistan via Dhanaar and Moghalkot.

The Resident in Waziristan has left on a tour of the Ahmadzai Salient, where he will have consultations with the Commander of the Force about the further measures to be taken.

VILLAGERS' CONNIVANCE BLAMED

BANNU, March 8.

The Bannu City Defence Committee at its meeting condemned yesterday's outrage and resolved to request the authorities to take drastic action.

The Committee expressed the opinion that the ambush could not have been organised without the connivance of the people of surrounding villages. A resolution approving of the Policy of the Government in commencing operations against the trans-border tribes was adopted but is requested for more stringent action

TAJIKALI OUTLAW IN CUSTODY

Torali-Banechi Outlaw Tajikali, and his companion, a bad character of the village of Jhandukhel, are reported to have been taken into custody by a pursuit party of the Frontier Constabulary at some distance from the scene of yesterday's ambush on the Bannu-Dera Ismail Khan road. A rifle, a dagger and some ammunition were recovered from their possession. It is believed that they belonged to the gang responsible for the outrage and after taking leave of other members they had not been able to conceal themselves. They misled the pursuit party, when questioned about the route taken by the raiders. The pursuit party discovered bits of papers scattered on the way with a view to facilitating the chase, presumably by Mohammad Khisro, assistant sub-Inspector of police, who was kidnapped by the gang.—A. P.

COBRA WREAKS VENGEANCE FOR KILLING MATE

DHOLPUR, March 6.

For killing its mate, a cobra has wreaked its vengeance upon a shikari in Bundi by biting him fatally.

The mate of the King Cobra which is known to move about in pairs, had been killed by the Shikari and thrown outside his house. But a stray ass, it appears brought the dead hamadryad into the house, trailing it about through the verandah into the drawing-room. The Shikari took the snake away back to the spot, where it had been killed and then laid a new trail away to a distant ditch into which he flung the body. Not to be outwitted, the King Cobra set out in search of its missing mate and followed instinctively the trail left by the ass and slyly crept into the sleeping room and bit the Shikari lying on his bed to avenge the death of its mate.

The victim, it is stated, gave a yell and died before medical aid could arrive.—A. P.

HOW PRISONERS WERE TREATED IN GERMANY

Indian Sailor's Narration

NEW DELHI, March 7.

A Graphic account of his experiences in Germany and on board the "Domala" was given by an Indian survivor to Mr. Z. A. Bokhari Bombay A. I. R. Station Director, who is at present in England, in the course of a B.B.C. news broadcast.

The survivor gave his name as Amjad Ali Sarel, and stated he came from Sylhet. He was employed on a German ship and had been in service about 8-1/2 months. When the war broke out the ship ceased its sailings.

"We stayed on board for a few days and then we were brought on shore. We were about 300 men. We were lodged in a house and we had to make our beds one on top of the other in three rows.

We had no place even to sit comfortably. The passages were very dirty and the place was congested. It could not even be cleaned. We had no clothes. It was very cold. Such a cold we have never known before in our lives. We had stayed in Germany before the war, and even after, but the cold was very severe this year."

Amjad Ali Sarel went on to say that on account of the severe cold a few men died. Two of them had to be sent to hospital, where they recovered and came back. Later on the men were confined on board a Dutch ship, but were not permitted to leave.

"Then you see the British Government very kindly made arrangements for our return. The Germans sent us to Holland. Then by rail we came to Belgium. From Belgium we boarded the "Domala."

Amjad Ali Sarel stated that they sailed on the "Domala" on February 29th, and as they were approaching England on March 2.

The ship was attacked and bombed at 5 o'clock in the morning.

"They dropped one bomb on the engine. All the lights went out, and all of a sudden the engine stopped. Then an aeroplane flew up, we saw it with our own eyes. We did not see the first bomb falling; we just heard it.

The aeroplane flew away, then returned again and dropped two more bombs on the bridge. The bombs exploded with a terrific noise. The ship caught fire in the middle.

The Sahib shouted 'get into the life-boats.' Some men got into the boats; the others jumped into the water and some in the rush and confusion could not find their way about as it was pitch dark in the early morning"

Amjad Ali Sarel said that his younger brother was killed in the bombing.

"He has nine children, five boys and four girls. It is very sad; the Germans have been very cruel to us."

The men jumped or fell into the water though some got into life boats. A few remained on the ship. They were eventually picked up by a warship.

Concluding, Amjad Ali Sarel said that they were all quite comfortable now, adding "but God knows what will happen when we again go to sea. We have never suffered so much in our whole life."

ANDHRAS MUST CLOSE UP RANKS

M. A. Ayyangar's Address To Bombay Mahasabha Members

That he was confident that the Andhra Province would be a reality in fulfilment of the declared Congress-policy when the Congress attained power and for the present Andhras had suspended their agitation for a separate Province in pursuance of the call of the Congress Working Committee to concentrate their efforts in the fight for Swaraj was the view expressed by Mr. M. Anantha-Sayanam Ayyangar, M.L.A. (Central), whip of the Central Assembly Congress Legislative Party, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Bombay Andhra Mahasabha on Friday night at Dadar. Mr. C. N. Rao presided.

Mr. Ayyangar is returning to Chittoor after attending the Assembly Session. The lecturer in the course of his speech said that Andhras should in the meanwhile—while their agitation for the province was under suspension—strive to unify their ranks. The lecturer affirmed the faith of Andhras in the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.

Proceeding Mr. Ayyangar said that Andhras in Bombay should develop a Cosmopolitan outlook and it devolved on them to represent and uphold their cultural standards in places like Bombay. Concluding, he appealed to local Andhras to contribute liberally to the cause of the Andhra Province as it was resolved in the last Andhra Mahasabha session to raise a fund of a lakh of rupees.

BR. & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

Office-Bearers Of Bombay Auxiliary Elected

The 121st annual general meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society (Bombay Auxiliary) was held at the Sir Cowasjee Jeshangir Hall, Bombay, on Friday evening.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Nasik presided.

Prominent among those present were Vice-Admiral Herbert Fitzherbert, Flag Officer Commanding the Royal Indian Navy Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, and others.

The programme included among other items hymns which were sung to the accompaniment of by the band of the 2nd Battalion, the Welsh Regiment.

A pageant giving a vivid portraiture of the numbers of bibles sold to the different nations of the world was displayed by a bevy of beautiful girls.

The following office-bearers were elected for 1940-41.

President: The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Nasik.

Vice-Presidents: The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Bombay, Rao Bahadur B. N. Athavle, Rev. B. P. Hivale, Ph.D., Rev. A. N. Warner, D.D.

Santa Cruz Adult Education Society

Under the directions of the local Congress authority, Santacruz Adult Education Society has added one more class at Chunabhathi. They are now conducting six classes and two more are likely to be added shortly.

KANDIVALI PROTEST MEETING

Residents of Kandivali and Poisar at a meeting held under the auspices of Kandivali Hitvardhak Mandal protested against the curtailment in the number of up-local service of the B. B. and C. I. Railway in the morning and pressed for the 'status-quo' in the present arrangement of local services.

GOLIBAR MAIDAN TENANTS

Tenants of the Golibar Maidan huts, Santa-cruz, are experiencing a good deal of hardship regarding light, water and they have approached the local Congress authorities to move the Bandra Municipality for the redress of their grievances. A petition is being sent to the Municipal authorities also in this connection. The local Congressmen had visited this low lying place.

News In Brief

Mr. C. F. Andrews is progressing satisfactorily in the Woodburn Ward of the Presidency General Hospital. It is proposed to send him somewhere out of India for treatment and rest, but the question will be considered at a later stage, when his condition has further improved.—A. P.

"The Madras Bar has produced many great men, but for all round ability, no greater man than Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyer," observed Sir Lionel Leach, Chief Justice, Madras High Court, unveiling the portrait of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar at the Advocates Association of Madras on March 8.

CALCUTTA, March 8.

Sir Mirza Ismail, Dewan of Mysore let for Bangalore by this evening's Madras Mail. Besides delivering the convocation address of the Calcutta University, Sir Mirza Ismail attended several other functions in Calcutta and paid a visit to Poet Rabindranath Tagore at Santiniketan during his one week's stay in Bengal. He also saw Mr. C. F. Andrews in Hospital A. P.

A fire broke out on March 8 in a part of Sangli town adjoining the old town and caused damage to the extent of about Rs. 10,000. Three shops were gutted. Due to timely help the conflagration was brought under control in an hour.—A. P.

Mr. B. Sambamurti, Speaker Madras Legislative Assembly, is leaving Madras for New Delhi to-morrow morning. The chief object of his visit is to be present at the meetings of the Indian Legislative Assembly and the Council of State. Mr. Sambamurti proposes to visit Lahore, Calcutta and Shillong and be present at the meetings of the legislatures in those places before returning to Madras about the middle of April.—A. P.

A double tragedy is reported from Mavellikkara (Travancore State) where two employees of the Electric Power House were found dead early in the morning, one with stab wounds in the bathroom and the other electrocuted.—A. P.

The Corporation of Calcutta, at a special meeting on March 8 reappointed Mr. J. C. Mukerjee as its Chief Executive Officer for a further term of three years from April 1, 1941.—A. P.

Enquiries made with regard to the condition of Sir Henry Gidney's health reveal that his condition is again causing some anxiety. He had one collapse to-day which is not regarded of a serious nature. He has been unable to attend the Assembly Session in Delhi to take usual part in budget discussion under advices from his medical attendants.—A. P.

The Gandhi Seva Sangh Ashram at Narela, a village near Delhi, was burgled last night and all eatables removed. The stock of cotton and spinning and carding implements were set fire to. The miscreants remain untraced. A report has been lodged with the police.—A. P.

The Rt. Hon'ble Sir Akbar Hydari left Delhi on March 8 for Peshawar. He will return to Delhi on the morning of March 14 and leave the same evening for Hyderabad.

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, who has been in Delhi, left for Lahore by the Frontier Mail on March 8.

The Maharajah of Jeypore was "inducted" to the Pro-Chancellorship of the Andhra University on March 8 at a meeting of the Senate of the University by Dr C. R. Reddi, Vice-Chancellor.—A. P.

COURT OF ENQUIRY AT NAGPUR

Issue Of "Dearness Allowance" For Textile Labour

NAGPUR, March 8.

Issues were framed to-day by the Court of Enquiry which has been appointed by the Government of Central Provinces to enquire into the justifiability or otherwise of the payment of "dearness allowance" to labourers of the textile mills of the Province.

Evidence will be adduced on behalf, both of the Empress and the Model Mills and the Labour Union from to-morrow.

ISSUES BEFORE COURT

The most important issue to decided by the Court is whether rise in the cost of living is 10 per cent as shown by the Government of Central Provinces or 35 per cent as claimed by the Union, or some figure between those limits.

Is a lower rate of wages in Nagpur as compared with Bombay and Ahmedabad the result of greater inefficiency on the part of Napur labour? That is the second point to be decided. It is also to be proved whether mills are enjoying greater prosperity owing to war and what is the amount of increase in the costs suffered by mills in respect of transport charges, dyes, chemicals and stores.

The last issue is whether mills can afford to give any increase in wages and if they should do so even if they have no additional profits out of which to do so, or if profits of the mills are less than last year, if mills are unable to provide for annual depreciation and if they have declared no dividend.

Labour will lead evidence from to-morrow, which is expected to last three days. The same period may be taken by the mills. The enquiry is expected to be completed in a fortnight.—A. P.

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SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC IN JUNAGADH

Brisk Measures Taken To Check Further Spread Of Disease

From Our Correspondent
JUNAGADH, March 5.

The vaccination of "Children" and persons confined in criminal jails has been made compulsory in Junagadh. However, no provision exists therein for compulsory Vaccination of persons outside that category.

The Revenue Member, Junagadh State Council, has drawn the attention of the General Public to the present prevelance of Small-Pox epidemic in Bhasan and Visawadar Mahals and also in other parts of the State. The State Administration is taking all possible measures to check the spread of this epidemic and the general public has been invited to assist them by having every one in their family above the age of 14 years vaccinated or revaccinated if so advised by the Medical officer.

The Police and Revenue Officials have also been ordered to assist the Medical authorities in finding out all cases requiring vaccination or revaccination and in inducing the public to have it done and render any other help that may be necessary.

FIRST AID EXAMINATION

Two students have been declared successful in the medallion Examination and seven in the certificate Examination in the First Aid to the Injured Class of the Bahadurkhanji High School, Junagadh. The examination was held on January 19, Dr. C. M. Chhaya was the examiner.

JUNAGADH BUDGET

The total annual income for Swt. 1993 of the City Municipality of Junagadh amounts to Rs. 148,955 as against the expenditure of Rs. 128,169-1-0. A total grant of Rs. 150.537, was sanctioned in the budget and it shows a saving of the surplus balance of Rs. 22,368 from the Budget grant.

Bombay Adult Education Committee's Literacy Fund

The Special Literacy Officer writes:—

In response to the appeal addressed to the heads of Educational Institutions as well as to the public-spirited citizens of Bombay the following donations to the Literacy Fund have been received upto 22-2-1940:

Mr. Jayant Wadilal Rs. 2-2. Mr. Jayantlal Tribhuwandas Rs. 1-2. Mr. X.Y.Z. Rs. 5. Habib High School Rs. 50, Matron, Arthur Rd. Hospital Rs. 26-8. Sir Sitaram S. Patkar Rs. 25, New Model High School Rs. 25, City High School Rs. 9. Fort & Proprietary High School Rs. 20. Grant Road High School Rs. 34-12-9. Mr. K. B. Dhavle Rs. 27-13, St. Xavier's High School Rs. 10, B. J. Parsi Charitable Institution Rs. 9. South Indian Society's High School, Matunga Rs 7-3, K. M. S. Parel High School Rs. 11-7. Anjuman-I-Islam High School Rs. 18-3-6. Queen Mary High School Rs. 20. D. G. T. High School Rs. 10. Presidency Magistrate, 3rd Court Rs. 30. Presidency Magistrate 2nd Court Rs. 10, Indian Education Society's King George English School, Hindu Colony, Dadar 19-12. Parsi Girls' School Rs. 40. St. Isabel's School Rs. 26, Ideal English School Rs.9. St. Stanislaus High School, Bandra Rs. 15, Alexandra Girls' English School Rs. 41-2, Marwadi Vidyalaya Rs. 47-5. Indian Education Society's Boys' High School. Portuguese Church St., Dadar Rs. 14-5. Total Rs. 564-11-9.

These donations together with the Government grant of Rs. 27,285, Corporation's grant of Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 2,000 received from the Bombay City Literacy Association, bring the total receipts of the Committee's Literacy Fund to Rs. 39,849-11-9 for the current financial year ending 31st March 1940.

APPEAL TO PUBLIC

On behalf of the Adult Education Committee, Mr. K. T. Mantri, the Special Literacy Officer, thanks all the persons and institutions, who have shown their appreciation for the Committee's efforts to educate the masses and have contributed their quota towards the expenditure. Mr. Mantri further requests those institutions and citizens who have not yet sent in their contributions that they should be pleased to forward them to his office, Old Custom House, at their early convenience.

NEED FOR CONGRESS-LEAGUE SETTLEMENT

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:—

"United we stand: divided, we fall" is a tragic truism for India. In one breath, the Viceroy offers us Dominion Status of the Westminster Statue: and in another, his Cabinet brings in the Excess Profits Tax Bill: and the proposals to increase Railway fares and freights by 6 1/4 and 12 1/2 per cent, respectively!

What kind of Freedom is this? Isn't it a political eye-wash and an economic daylight loot?

(1) Is not India already overtaxed?

(2) Are not the third class fares exorbitant, as compared to the earning capacity of the bulk of the people, and the cattle-like accommodation, that is given to millions of third class passengers?

(3) Are not the Railway freights in India scandalously high hitting the internal and external trade and industry of the country?

(4) Has the Imperial Government dared to interfere with the Budgets of other Dominions?

(5) Is India to be milched and drained perennially?

Indian leaders, now do unite. The Congress-League clash has been ruinous to India. If they were united, this bureaucratic Government dare not ride roughshod, as at present.

A rapprochement between the League and the Congress is both essential and urgent. The younger elements in both communities are sick of these political squabbles, Sir Raza Ali has boldly voiced the sentiments of Muslim youths at the recent Muslim League meeting at Delhi, that they do desire a settlement with the Congress.

The League is going to have its session in Lahore; and the Congress, at Ramgarh. Representative Muslims of Near and Middle East are expected to attend the League Session; and a Deputation of M.P.'s, the Congress Session.

Prudence and patriotism demand, that the League and the Congress should invite each other's deputation to attend their Sessions. Who will take the lead? May Maulana Azad do it, and inaugurate a new epoch in India!

DEWAS RULER IN GWALIOR STATE

GWALIOR, March 3.

The Maharaja of Dewas, Junior, arrived here this evening by car in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Ruling Princes to Shivpuri (Gwalior State).

The Maharaja was received at Padora by the Maharaja Scindia.

On arrival of the Maharaja of Dewas at Madhav Vilas Palace a salute of 15 guns was fired and a guard of honour furnished by the Third Gwalior Infantry.

The Maharaja of Dewas (J.B.) will be guest of the Maharaja Scindia during his stay.

MADRAS, March 7.

The Governor and the Lady Marjorie Erskine visited the annual exhibition of the Government School of Arts and Crafts which was opened this morning.

DEMAND FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Resolution Carried In New Delhi Mock Parliament

NEW DELHI, March 7.

Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, reiterated the demand for a Constituent Assembly and India's right to frame her own constitution based on adult franchise, speaking at the special session of the Indian Mock Parliament held this evening in the Dewan Hall. Mr. S. Satyamurti, M.L.A. (Central) acted as Speaker.

Mr. Desai said that India's demand for a Constituent Assembly at this time was most reasonable and if Britain wanted, it could satisfy India by giving her the right of self-determination keeping in view the world situation.

Criticising the war aims of Britain, Mr. Desai asked, if Britain was to-day fighting for the independence for smaller nations then why was the same independence denied to India. On the one hand freedom was denied to India and on the other, she was asked to fight for the freedom of European countries.

Mr. Desai added that the political situation in the country had worsened to a great extent.

A resolution recommending to His Majesty's Government that immediate steps should be taken to call a Constituent Assembly based on adult franchise to frame a constitution for India by Indians was passed by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. K. K. Malaviya and Badrinath Pandey opposed the resolution.—A. P.

Allahabad Graduates Discuss Current Politics

ALLAHABAD, March 7.

A debate on current political problems in which Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and some University Professors took part was initiated here last evening at the joint annual meeting of the Allahabad University Athenium and Graduates' Political Science Clubs.

Dr. Beni Prasad presided.

The questions posed, ranged from the knowledge of the members of the Congress Working Committee of Indian history the efficacy of the non-violent method in attaining the country's freedom to Dominion Status versus Complete Independence.

The questions were in the form of a charge sheet and Pandit Nehru, acting as his own defence counsel, in an impassioned speech, which gave points to most and literally brought the house down with him, answered and solve each puzzle.

Pandit Nehru said that the questions only betrayed the lag of the human mind to follow current events. The question, he said, seemed to brush aside the tremendous revolutionary changes, which had been wrought in the country during the past twenty years and smacked almost of the musty past and were unrelated to dynamic and revolutionary yesterdays which even to-day were fashioning the to-morrows.—A. P.

Scholarships For Punjab Soldiers' Children

LAHORE, March 7.

In response to a request from the Punjab Soldiers Board, the Government of the Punjab has decided to award scholarships to soldiers' children of Rs. 1,25,000 per annum. This includes a sum of Rs. 25,000 to be devoted to scholarships for vocational training.

A sum of Rs. 33,110 has been provided in the next year's budget and it will go on increasing every year until the maximum of Rs. 1,25,000 has been reached.—A. P.

NO DUAL SYSTEM OF APPEAL

Madras Bar Council On Investing Federal Court With Privy Council Powers

MADRAS, March 7.

The question of investing the Federal Court of India with Civil Appellate Jurisdiction now exercised by the Privy Council was considered by the Madras Bar Council at a meeting under the chairmanship of its president, Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyar, Advocate-General.

The question was referred to the Council by the Government of India for its opinion.

The Council decided in favour of investing the Federal Court with Civil Jurisdiction and depriving the litigants of the right of direct appeal to the Privy Council under certain conditions. It expressed the view that the Federal Court should be invested with the right of appeal in all cases in which an appeal was at present open to the Privy Council, i.e., in cases where the valuation was Rs. 10,000 and upwards.

NO DUAL SYSTEM

The Council was not in favour of "dual system" of appeals viz., a right of appeal to the Privy Council in cases of valuation between Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 15,000, nor was the Council in favour of concurrent right of appeal to the Privy Council and the Federal Court. The right of appeal to the Privy Council ought to be abolished by suitable amendments of the Civil Procedure Code.

The Council favoured the further strengthening of the Federal Court to get the best result out of the experiment suggested.—A. P.

MURDERER TO HANG

No Extenuating Circumstances, Says Sessions Judge

(From Our Correspondent.)
THANA, March 7.

"The jury have retruned a verdict of "guilty" unanimously, under Sec. 302 I.P.C. and I accept—the verdict. I find no extenuating circumstances to justify a lesser punishment. The accused has brutally murdered the deceased catching him quite unawares. The offence demands the extreme penalty under the law. I convict the accused of the offence of murder and sentence him to be hanged by the neck till he is dead" with these remarks Mr. P. N. Moos, Sessions Judge, Thana, convicted yesterday Alam Ali Moula Buksha, a Pathan millhand of Vile Parle and sentenced him to capital punishment, for brutally causing the death of Vahidali Nishanali, a railway watchman and his room-mate, by stabbing him in the abdomen.

The accused, who was arrested within a short time of the occurrence, was committed to the Thana Sessions by the Bandra City Magistrate.

Mr. R. M. Chitnis, Assistant Public Prosecutor, conducted the prosecution and Mr. S. M. Abhyankar, pleader defended the accused.

Lord Erskine Bids Farewell To Madras

MADRAS, March 8.

Lord Erskine and Lady Marjorie Erskine bade farewell to Madras this morning and left at 8-30 a.m. by special train for Bombay en-route to England.

As the special train steamed out of the station, the departing Governor was loudly cheered.—A. P.

Claims Of Sindhis In Sind

KARACHI, March 7.

A representation requesting the Premier of Sind to adopt a Private Member's Bill dealing with the appointment of Sindhis in the Province has been submitted by 15 members of Sind Assembly belonging to various parties.

The representation states that as a large number of educated Sindhis are now unemployed, they should have preference over non-Sindhis and adds that if the bill is adopted as a Government measure and passed through the present session of the Assembly, it would go a long way to relieve the unemployment problem in the Province.—A. P.

LAHORE, March 7.

For the first time in the history of the Punjab jails 700 Juvenile prisoners of the Lahore Borstal Institution were afforded an opportunity this afternoon to invite their parents and guardians to the annual sports and exhibition held in the grounds of the institution.—A. P.

NO PEACE WITH ARMAMENTS' RACE

LAHORE, March 7.

An appeal for the mobilisation of resources to meet the evil of aggression which was rampant in the world, was made by Sir William Roberts in the course of his address at the annual general meeting of the Young Men Christian Association, Lahore, this evening. Sir James Addison presided.

Y. M. C. A'S ROLE

"It is only if the world stops wasting its resources and capital in armaments," added Sir Williams, "and is able to live peaceably, that we can hope for that peaceful progress which would enable us to progress and find plenty of useful employment for everyone. The Y M. C. A. should, therefore, renew their faith and mobilize their resources and work for the triumph of those eternal values, which give hope to the world as a whole and go forward in the sure hope of the triumph of right and justice as the sure foundation for the future."—A. P.

"IRON LUNG" FOR MADRAS HOSPITAL

MADRAS, March 7.

Government hospital at Royapettah, Madras, has been equipped with an "Iron Lung," an apparatus for mechanical respiration which is a gift of Lord Nuffield.

The hospital which availed itself of the offer made recently by Lord Nuffield to present "Iron Lungs" to hospitals in the British Empire received the apparatus this week and the installation work has just been completed.—A.P

TIBET'S UNRUFFLED COURSE OF LIFE

Only Country In World Without Newspapers

CALCUTTA, March 7.

Tibet is, perhaps, the only country in the world to have no newspaper.

This fact was revealed to a representative of the Associated Press by His Excellency Tsarong Shape, a former Prime Minister of Tibet, who left Calcutta, for Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, this evening.

His Excellency has spent a month in Calcutta in order to enable his wife to receive the most modern medical treatment.

His Excellency refused to discuss the war in China and explained that it aroused little interest in Tibet, where news seldom penetrated from abroad. "We have no newspapers in the country to keep us in touch with the world," he smilingly said.

Six feet tall and well built, this Tibetan Lord was Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of Tibet in 1925.—A. P.

Debt Relief Problem In Travancore

TRIVANDRUM, March 7.

The three days of informal debate on the Debt Relief problem in the joint sitting of the two Houses of the Travancore Legislature in which nearly 50 members participated, concluded today.

The Dewan president said that there would be no further joint sittings but notices would be issued as soon as possible for meetings of the two Houses for dealing with the problem.—A. P.

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WEEKLY MARKET REVIEWS

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
Bombay, March 8.

MONEY.

The incidence of the bullion settlement had very little effect on the money market, where call funds were quoted between 1-1/4 and 1-1/2 per cent. per annum during the week. The abundance of money seeking employment was reflected in large applications for three months' Treasury Bills aggregating Rs. 2.16 crores. Term money rates continued unchanged, 3 months' money being quoted between 2 and 2-1/4 per cent. and six months' between 1-3/4 and 2 per cent.

A statement of affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled upto 1st March 1940, reveals a microscopic increase of Rs. 8.62 lacs in the total note circulation in India, whilst the Bank's holding of Rupee Coin is down by Rs. 23.71 lacs. The ratio of gold plus sterling assets to total liabilities is fractionally up by Rs. .057 to 62.092 per cent. In the Banking Department, Government balances with the Reserve Bank have risen up by Rs. 67.50 lacs, but Bankers' Deposits show a decline of Rs. 132.13 lacs. The item of Balances held abroad is up by Rs. 3.72 crores, whilst Investments are down by Rs. 163.69 lacs.

EXCHANGE.

There was no change in the exchange market during the week under review and sellers of spot T.T. continued to quote 1s. 5-63/64d. with buyers at 1s. 6-1/64d. Casual transactions were reported within this range. The rates fixed by the Exchange Banks Association for merchant business were unchanged.

In the free foreign exchange market in New York, sterling was inclined to be easier in terms of the dollar and the sterling/dollar cross-rate after opening at 392.62 cents, touched 389.37 cents on Tuesday, but reacted and closed at 393.87 cents. The discount on three months' forward sterling widened from 3-1/2 cents to 3-7/8 cents on Monday, but closed at 3-1/8 cents. Among the Far Eastern exchanges, the Shanghai dollar was unchanged at 4d. throughout, whilst the sterling/yen rate fluctuated in sympathy with the sterling/dollar rate in New York and after opening at 1s. 2-13/32d. advanced and closed at 1s. 2-15/16d. The official buying and selling rates for various currencies in the London market were as under:—

The sterling/dollar 403-1/2 and 402-1/2 cents; the sterling/franc 176-3/4 and 176-1/2 francs; the sterling/guilder 7.58 and 7.53; and the sterling/belga 23.85 and 23.70. The lira gradually moved down from 77.50 to 76.75 at the close.

GOLD

Gold was firm during the week under report and the quotation for spot, after opening at Rs. 42-9-9, steadily advanced to Rs. 43-2-6 on Tuesday and after a setback to Rs. 42-14, improved and closed at Rs. 43-0. The rise in the price of the metal was purely due to large-scale buying of call options and gold for forward delivery by the public based on rumours about an impending change in the official sterling/dollar rate from 403-1/2 cents to a lower basis. Speculative activity was accelerated by the easier trend of sterling noticeable in the New York foreign exchange market. Gold for delivery during April settlement was quoted at a premium of 1 anna 6 pies over spot and May settlement stood at a similar premium over April. Sovereigns were also in good demand and the quotation improved from Rs. 27-8-9 to Rs. 27-12 at the close. The Bank of England's buying price for gold remains unchanged at 168 shillings per ounce. Floating stocks of gold in the local market are estimated at about 125,000 tolas, arrivals from upcountry are small and average about 8,000 to 10,000 tolas a day and the average daily offtake for trade purposes is unchanged at 1,500 tolas. Gold worth Rs. 61.93 lacs was shipped to foreign ports during the course of the week. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 43-2-6 and Rs. 42-9 for spot, Rs. 43-4 and Rs. 42-10-6 for April settlement and Rs. 43-6 and Rs. 42-11-9 for May settlement.

SILVER

The upward tendency evidenced in silver towards the close of last week was reversed during the early part of the week under review, but on Monday the market rallied sharply in sympathy with London. Opening at Rs. 58, spot silver declined to Rs. 57-6 on Friday and thereafter varied between Rs. 57-14-6 and Rs. 57-9 until Monday when the market shot up to Rs. 59-1-6 on a sharp improvement in the London quotation which moved up by 1/16d. on that day. Later, the market reacted fractionally to Rs. 58-10, but advanced at the close to Rs. 59-8. Silver for delivery during April settlement was quoted at a premium of 3-1/2 annas over spot, whereas May settlement stood 4-1/2 annas over April. In London, spot silver improved from 20-1/2d. to 21-1/4d. on Monday and after a temporary setback to 20-15/16d improved and closed at 21-1/16d. Two months' forward delivery was quoted at a premium of 1/16d. on the opening day of the week, but later stood at a discount of 1/8d. The publication of figures relating to import and export as well as railings to the interior has been prohibited and hence it is impossible to estimate with any accuracy the average daily offtake of silver from this market. Available floating stocks of silver are, however, reported to be approximately 30,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 59-8 and Rs. 57-6 for spot, Rs. 59-6 and Rs. 57-9-6 for April settlement and Rs. 59-11 and Rs. 57-14 for May settlement

GILT-EDGED

The steady tone witnessed last week in gilt-edged persisted throughout the week under report and prices advanced further particularly for long-term scrips. The strength in London was responsible for the firm tone in the local market. The issue of the new Defence Loan of £300 million at 3 per cent. maturing in 1959, was regarded as being favourable to the Government and as such the market assumed a steady tone there. 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling loan was marked up from £93-1/4 to £94-3/4 at the close, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper gained from Rs. 92-12 to Rs. 94-1 during the week. Among other terminable bonds, 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan was in demand at gradually advancing rate from Rs. 96-8 at the beginning to Rs. 97-4 at the end. 3 per cent. 1941 bonds were, however, practically neglected at Rs. 101-12 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 101-11. 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan improved from Rs. 97-12 to Rs. 98-6, 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan from Rs. 91-8 to Rs. 92-8 and 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan from Rs. 103-4 to Rs. 104-2. 4 per cent. 1943 bonds were steadier at Rs. 105-10, whilst 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan gained over a point at Rs. 108-2. 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan changed hands at Rs. 114 and 5 per cent. 1945-55 (Tax Free) loan at Rs. 112-5.

SHARES

The stock market was a little hesitant in the early part of the week pending the publication of the Select Committee's Report on the Excess Profits Tax. Prices ranged within a narrow compass. After the publication of the Report on Wednesday, which revealed several concessions, the market rallied somewhat.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds moved up from Rs. 2,070 to Rs. 2,140 and Ordinaries from Rs. 388 to Rs. 400. The prices, however, reacted slightly at the close on profit-taking,

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Figures Of Gross Revenue

Messrs. Tata Hydro Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for the following three Hydro-Electric Companies report that the gross revenue (subject to adjustment) of the said Companies for the month of February 1940 and for 8 months ended 29th February 1940 were as compared with the corresponding periods of the previous financial year:—

	For the month of Feb 1939
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co., Ltd.	Rs. 2,98,992
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 4,42,210
Tata Power Co., Ltd.	Rs. 6,36,629
	For the month of Feb 1940
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co., Ltd.	Rs. 2,95,551
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co., Ltd.	Rs. 4,04,530
Tata Power Co., Ltd.	Rs. 5,94,994
	For financial year upto Feb 28, 1939
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co., Ltd.	Rs. 27,09,110
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co., Ltd.	Rs. 31,88,211
Tata Power Co., Ltd.	Rs. 63,33,070
	For current financial year upto Feb 29, 1940
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co., Ltd.	Rs. 27,23,528
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co., Ltd.	Rs. 33,10,195
Tata Power Co., Ltd.	Rs. 56,00,179

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 1st March:—

1	Demand Liabilities:—	
	(a) In India	137,61,61,000
	(b) In Burma	7,37,95,000
2.	Time Liabilities:—	
	(a) In India	105,09,16,000
	(b) In Burma	3,78,27,000
3	Cash:—	
	i. Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes.	
	(a) In India	5,46,64,000
	(b) In Burma	1,47,000
	ii. Burma Notes:—	
	(a) In India	22,000
	(b) In Burma	20,72,000
	iii. Rupee Coin:—	
	(a) In India	86,49,000
	(b) In Burma	1,42,000
	iv. Subsidiary Coin:—	
	(a) In India	1,10,000
	(b) In Burma	46,000
4.	Balances with Reserve Bank	14,73,71,000
5.	Advances:—	
	(a) In India	146,62,83,000
	(b) In Burma	6,92,35,000
6.	Bills Discounted:—	
	(a) In India	5,89,96,000
	(b) In Burma	28,96,000

Comparative statement of the Position of Scheduled Banks.
(In thousand Rupees)

	1-3-1940	23-2-1940	3-3-1939	1-9-1939
1. Demand Liabilities in India and Burma	144,89,56	145,09,83	127,98,24	141,39,78
	(7,37,95)	(7,40,96)	(6,11,36)	(7,03,29)
2. Time Liabilities in India and Burma	108,87,43	109,09,09	108,11,39	106 46,46
	(3,78,27)	(3,76,55)	(4,34,71)	(4,2..12)
3. Total cash in India and Burma	6,52,61	7,06,32	6,07,16	7,25,84
	(24,07)	(22,06)	(18,58)	(29,57)
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	14,73,71	16,80,00	11,03,96	2[illegible] 27,76
5. Advances in India and Burma	152,55,18	149,24,87	123,88,90	105,88,08
	(5,92,85)	(5,69,59)	(4,79,41)	(4,12,92)
6. Bills discounted in India and Burma	6,18,92	1,83,99	7,14,61	3,85,74
	(48,96)	(26,49)	(29,52)	(29,46)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets)

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay: March 8.

Yarn No.	April	June	August
6 1/2s.	137	139	142
10 1/2s.	160	164	167
20 1/2s.	216	220	223
40s.	267	269	272

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay: March 8.

The following are the weekly quotations for the precious metals:—

	Per cent.	Per tola
Platinum (Elephant Brand)	100	Rs. 70
Platinum (Elephant Brand)	97	Rs. 69
Platinum (Anchor Brand) ...	25	Rs. 20
Palladium	100	Rs. 55
Iridium	100	Rs. 110
Osmium	100	Rs. 90
Ruthenium	100	Rs. 80
Rhodium	100	Rs. 220

Deferreds closing at Rs. 2,082-8 and Ordinaries at Rs. 389-8. Mill shares maintained a fairly steady tone despite the continuance of the strike, but the turnover in this section was comparatively small. Bombay Dyeings, after touching Rs. 945 earlier in the week, declined and closed at Rs. 931-4, whilst Centuries, which had improved to Rs. 310 mid-week, closed lower at Rs. 295-8. There were comparatively small variations in other mill scrips; Central Indias fluctuated between Rs. 301 and Rs. 290, Colabas moved between Rs. 160-8 and Rs. 148 and Gokaks varied between Rs. 196 and Rs. 184. Kohinoors improved to Rs. 390 and New Greats to Rs. 379, but subsequently were quoted down at Rs. 377 and Rs. 355 respectively. Hydro-electrics maintained a steady tone in sympathy with gilt-edged, there being small variations in quotations; Andhra Valleys were quoted around Rs. 1,550 and Tata Hydros around Rs. 160. Bombay Trams were, however, slightly easier at Rs. 1[illegible] at the close as against Rs. 130 earlier in the week, whilst Tata Powers, after touching Rs. 1,367-8 mid-week, closed a little lower at Rs. 1,360. Bank shares were well maintained around the previous levels; Bank of Indias were about unchanged at Rs. 141-8, whilst Central Banks were fully steady at Rs. 37 at the finish. Imperial Bank Fully Paids moved up from Rs. 1,498-12 to Rs. 1,512-8 and Partly Paids from Rs. 364-6 to Rs. 368-12. Reserve Banks closed lower at Rs. 109-12 as compared with Rs. 110-8 earlier in the week. In the miscellaneous bloc, Associated Cements were inclined to be offered and the quotation steadily declined from Rs. 122-8 to Rs. 120 at the close. Belapurs moved between Rs. 225 and Rs. 213 and Bombay Burmas between Rs. 635 and Rs. 607-8. Scindia Steams were fairly maintained around Rs. 18-5, but New Indias ruled quieter at Rs. 38-8 at the close as against the opening level of Rs. 39-12.

CALCUTTA

The price of hessians showed small fluctuations between Rs. 14 and Rs. 14-9 and that of raw jute between Rs. 84 and Rs. 81-8. The jute section maintained a steady tone throughout the week, but the turnover continued on a small scale.

CENTRAL BANK'S PROGRESS

Mody Unveils Sethna Statue

Many shareholders paid compliments to the management of the Central Bank of India Ltd., at the annual meeting on Friday, on the able way in which the bank's business was conducted. Sir H. P. Mody presided and moved for the adoption of the directors' report and audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 1939, which stated:

	Rs.
The Net Profit for the year, including the sum of Rs. 8,13,873-7-9 brought forward from the previous year's account, amounts to	Rs. 39,91,491 12 10
The following amounts have been appropriated to the undermentioned purposes:—	
An ad-interim Dividend for the half-year ended 30th June 1939 at 6 per cent. per annum, free of Income Tax (already paid)	Rs. 5,04,396 0 0
Amount provided for Income-Tax and Super-Tax	Rs. 1,50,000 0 0
Amount transferred to Bank's Investments in Government and other Securities	Rs. 3,00,000 0 0
Amount transferred to Sinking Fund in respect of Lands and Buildings	3,00,000 0 0
Amount transferred to Reserve and Contingency Fund	Rs. 7,00,000 0 0
Bonus to Staff	Rs. 2,20,000 0 0
	Rs. 21,74,396 0 0
The balance of Rs. 18,17,095-12-10 the Directors propose to dispose of as follows:—	
To pay a final dividend for the half-year ended 31st December 1939, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, free of Income-Tax, i.e., Re. 1 per Share on 6,72,528 Shares, (making 7 per cent. for the whole year), which will utilize	Rs. 6,72,528 0 0
To pay a Bonus at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, i.e., Annas 8 per Share, free of Income-Tax	Rs. 3,36,264 0 0
To carry forward to next year's account	Rs. 8,08,303 12 10
	Rs. 39,91,491 12 10

Mr. B. D. Lam seconded the proposition. Some shareholders spoke on the report and made certain suggestions which the Chairman noted and assured consideration. A number of shareholders praised the management and the bank for the progressive work.

The report was adopted, and the retiring directors were re-elected.

SETHNA'S STATUE UNVEILED

After the meeting, the shareholders went down near the portico of the bank where Sir Homi Mody unveiled the statue of the late Sir Pheroze C. Sethna, who was the Managing Director of the bank after the demise of Sir S. N. Pochkhanawala and who worked during his regime for the progress and prosperity of the bank.

American Cotton Figures

F. P. Bales.	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 7-3-40	8569000	3417000
Receipts yesterday 7-3-40	12000	3000
Export to date 7-3-40	5041000	2718000
Stock at Ports 1-3-40	2989000	2523000
Stock in interior towns do.	2790000	3093000
Stock at Liverpool 1-3-40	.....	1005000
Visible supply 1-3-40	.....	6736000
Quantity in sight 1-3-40	11589000	7994000
Quantity out of sight 1-3-40		6903000

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Bombay: March 8.

In full-pressed bales	5-3-40	Since 1st Septi. This year	Last year
Khandesh	20	48,702	33,173
Central India	1,213	77,395	136,718
Barsi and Nagar	970	105,287	54,630
Hyderabad-Gaorani	197	41,167	4,165
Berar	2,079	264,468	124,224
Central Provinces	1,304	66,841	29,710
Total Oomras	5,783	603,860	432,619
Dholera	1,099	48,594	117,284
N.-W. Provinces	50	22,990	2,155
Rajputana	351	25,474	46,392
Sind-Punjab	9 85	293,466	263,497
Broach	3,506	200,138	137,778
Coompta and Dharwar		15,426	14,613
Westerns-Northerns	13	16,853	19,889
Cocoanada		50	84
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,309	2,542
American		53,380	2,575
Egyptian, African and Sudan		201,167	178,172
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,920	7
Total	11,786	1,484,727	1,217,606
Arrived by road to 29th Feb. '40		199,358	.....

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

Bombay: March 8.

In full-pressed bales.	6-3-40	Sept 1 to Feb. 29 This year.	Last year
Total	3,403	612,960	718,088

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: March 8.

		Extra Spr-fine.	Sup. Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G	Bengal U P	204	202	199	196
M G	Punjab	204	202	199	196
M G	Rajputana	212	210	207	204
M G	Oomra No. 3	243	241	238	235 ...
M G	C. P. N. 1	257	255	252	249 ...
M G	C. P. No. 2	247	245	242	239 ...
M G	Broach No. 2	270	268	265	262
M G	Surat	307	305	302	299
M G	Rajputana	302	300	297	294
M G	Navsari	318	316	313	310

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay: March 8.

Bengal Fine	207/08
Bengal F. G.	200/03
C. P. 1	354/57
C. P. 2	341/43
Berar	336/37
Khandesh	229/33
Jalna/Sailu	231/33
Ahmednagar	231/33
Broach	262/66
Punjab 4 F.	278/86
Punjab 289 F.	316/21
Sindh N. T.	296/304

Weather Summary

POONA: March 8.

There have been local thunder-showers in Orissa and scattered thunder-showers in Assam Bengal, Chota Nagpur and North Madras Coast. A few light showers also occurred in Upper Sind and along and near the North-West Frontier.

Chief amounts of rainfall were:—Gopalpur 1 1/2 inches; Balasore, Chandbali and Vizagapatam 1; Calcutta 3/4; Barisal, Sandheads, Ranchi and Jacobabad 1/4.—A. S.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observation during 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. of 8-3-1940.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours +.013 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.2 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 69.2 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 83.0 degrees 1.9 below normal

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 71.3 degree. 1.3 above normal

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 77 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. SE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 11 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 140 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 16 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 6

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 8-3-1940.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 77.8 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.08 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.89 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Friday.

An under-trial prisoner created a scene at the Esplanade Police Court this morning when he rushed up to the Magisterial Bench and caught hold of the Magistrate's hands.

In a minute, the police rushed up to the dais and arrested Sri Krishna Ragunath Samant.

After the prisoner was brought down, the Magistrate asked him what he wished to say.

Samant's reply was a vociferous lecture on politics. He made running commentaries on the war situation, gave out his views on Indian politics, praised the Congress Governments and condemned the present Government.

The accused, according to the police, went up to the Colaba Military Barracks on Saturday morning and told the guard on duty that he wanted to see the G. O. C. The guard conducted him to the Chief Clerk and the accused is alleged to have delivered a lecture on the war situation with special reference to Indian conditions.

During his two days internment in the police lock-up the accused, the police stated, refused to accept the daily allowance and therefore they wanted him to be remanded to jail custody.

The Magistrate, before passing orders, again asked the accused whether he had anything to say. This was the signal for another lecture by the accused whereupon the Magistrate directed him to be remanded to jail custody.

On the charge of distilling and selling country liquor, Mahadev Govind was arrested by the Kalachowki police and was ordered to be released on bail by Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate Dadar Court today.

Sachalatabai Shivram (18) wife of Shivram, a police constable, residing at De Laisle Road, died in the K. E. M. Hospital on Thursday due to severe burns sustained while preparing tea on a primus stove.

RENT COLLECTOR IN TROUBLE

On a charge of misappropriation Mukund Ranganath, a rent collector, was arrested by the Bhoiwada police and was offerd bail by Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court to-day.

ALLEGED SHIVRATRIDAY THEFT

Yesterday being a Shivratri Festival Day, man with his wife and other relations went to Chowpatty Sea face to take bath and left all the clothes and jewels bundled up, incharge of a boy. Finding the boy alone on the shore a gang of man headed by Babu Govind surrounded the boy and, it is alleged stealthily removed the bundle containing jewls and escaped. When the man and his family came back they were told of the incident. The suspects, however, were traced by the police and ordered to be remanded into police custody by Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court today.

PROHIBITION ARRESTS IN CITY.

Aimabai Ramchandra was arrested by the Southern Preventive Section Police on the night of 6th March for alleged breach of Prohibition Rules.

She was enlarged on bail by the Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Court to-day.

Six Chinese were arrested by the City Police under Abkari Act last night.

The accused were placed to-day before the Presidency Magistrate at Mazagaon Police Court when they were ordered to be released on bail.

Shaikh Mohamud Shaikh Husain was arrested by G. I. P. Railway Police at Dadar Railway Station yesterday.

He was it is alleged found in possession of 3 bottles of illicitly distilled liquor containing 20 drams. He was produced before the Presidency Magistrate of Mazagaon Police Court who ordered him to be released on bail.

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ASSEMBLY VOTES IT DOWN

No Indianisation: No Nationalisation Now

Neither War, Nor Loyalty, Nor Patriotism Will Move Defence Dept. Outlook

NEW DELHI, March 8.

THE Muslim League Party's cut motion to discuss the importance of initiating a decisive policy of training Indians to undertake the defence of the country, and of establishing a Defence Advisory Committee, was rejected by the Central Assembly by 43 against 22 votes.

The Congress Nationalists voted with the Muslim League Party, and the European Group with the Government.–

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

The Assembly discussed cut motions on the general budget today.

Sir Raza Ali moved the Muslim League cut to discuss "the importance of initiating a decisive policy of training Indians to undertake the defence of the country and of establishing a defence advisory committee." He pressed for the opening of more military schools for training them.

Sir Yamin Khan urged the Government to lay down a definite policy of Indianisation and carry it out particularly now, because defence covered a far-flung stretch of land, air and sea away from the country.

England's defence requirements were bound to be great, if the War dragged on for long and at least from that point of view, the utilisation of India's manpower was important.

Pandit K. K. Malaviya said that in Turkey women were being trained for military service while in India even suitable men were denied a fair chance. That was because, as everyone knew, Government did not intend to fit Indians to defend their country. The resolution was therefore a degrading one which hurt his self-respect. "I have no complaint and no grievance against the British. I would do the same thing as they, if I ruled over their country." ("No No").

NO SCHEME NOW

Mr. F. E. James said no one could fail to have the greatest possible sympathy with the desire of Indians to take an increasing part in the defence of their country. As far as initiating a decisive policy was concerned, he suggested to the House that the short-term needs of war emergency must take predominance over any long-term policy, however desirable it might be, of Indianisation which could be carried out in times of peace.

PLEA FOR INDIANISATION

Sardar Sant Singh demanded that the present emergency should be used to achieve speedy Indianisation and manufacture of war equipment so as to make India self-sufficient in her Defence requirements. Government wanted nine crores additional money for war purposes. Could the Defence Secretary say what portion of this amount was going to be spent on Indianisation and training of Indians? As for Mr. James' idea of spreading propaganda about the Defence forces, it would not succeed if conducted by any official agency because people suspected such propaganda. It should be done by the elected representatives of the people.

The Nawab of Dera said that the desire of Indians to Indianise the Army was well-known to the British Government. The desire must now be translated into wholehearted support in the present war which had emphasised the fact that India could not live in safety for one day without British help. It was also clear that they could not compose their own differences without British intervention and he asked the House not to embarrass the Government by requests which might affect the Army efficiency.

NOW IS THE TIME

Mr. M. S. Aney vigorously contested Mr. James' view that the present was not the time for considering long term policy. He asked, was the emergency standing in the way of considering the problem of training Indians for the army? If this was not the time for considering the problem, when would the time come? In his opinion now was the time when world attention and the attention in India was focused on defence problems for going ahead with the provision of more facilities for defence training.

Mr. Hussainbhai Laljee said that during the last war Great Britain trained and put on the field within three years lakhs of men who made good soldiers. India also did something in that way. But now Government talked of martial and non-martial races, forgetting that there were many persons in England whom Germans considered non-martial. He indignantly denounced the lack of confidence in Indians shown by the Government.

OGILVIE'S REPLY

Mr. Ogilvie, Defence Secretary, in the course of his reply which was largely inaudible in the press gallery sympathised with the ideal that India must stand on her own legs with regard to defence, but he must categorically say that in the existing circumstances of India and of the world, no scheme which was within the bounds of practical politics would achieve that level. The maintenance of modern defence forces imposed a burden which was almost beyond the power of even wealthy industrialised countries. It was, nevertheless, Government's objective, in so far as India's resources permitted, to make India at least self-sufficient in the munitions of war. An immense advance had been made in that direction (hear hear).

DEMAND FOR COMMITTEE.

As regards the demand for the appointment of a committee, he pointed out that the constitutional authority responsible for defence was the Governor-General in Council and that responsibility could not be shared or shelved. As for scrutinising defence expenditure, he remainded the House that Government were ready to appoint "ad hoc" committees. The public accounts committee was there to go into the details of army expenditure.

Voices: That is only a post-mortem.

The motion was pressed to a division and rejected by 43 votes to 22.

Sir Yamin Khan raised a discussion on the Indianisation of the army. His main reason for moving the cut was to prepare India to help Great Britain in the present war. Young graduates and under-graduates who generally manned the officers' posts were not readily available for service in India, and it would be in the interests of both India and Great Britain if opportunity was taken to train up larger numbers.

Dr. Bannerji was opposed to recruitment being confined to one Province or some communities.

Mr. Umaraly Shah said that Indianisation was necessary to enable people to defend Indian culture and traditions.

Pandit K. K. Malavia admired the patience and optimism of the Muslim League Party. He said that Indian demand was for nationalisation of the army, and not merely for Indianisation.

Mr. Ghiasuddin declared that the officer class was the preserve of the British gentry. "The superiority of race claimed by Hitler to-day was advocated by Lord Roberts, who did not regard Indians as equal to the British and therefore, was opposed to Indianisation. The eight units scheme was similarly based on the idea, that no Indian should command British soldiers."

APOLOGIA FOR DISTINCTION

Mr. Ogilvie was heard to say that the Government felt that they had done their best in the matter of Indianisation and hoped that time would bring a more acceptable solution. The army, he declared, must be limited to those classes who have proved themselves to be the best material in the past. An army composed of every class and creed would be no army at all. The motion was rejected without a division.

BOSE CONDEMNS DISCOURTESY TO MAHATMA

Says, Patna Resolution Is Satisfactory, But Regrets Lack Of Preparations For Struggle.

ALLAHABAD, March 7

The Allahabad District Forward Bloc Conference was held here this evening in the Purshottamdas Park under the presidentship of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.

One of the resolutions passed at the conference expressed satisfaction at the recent resolution of the Congress Working Committee passed at Patna inasmuch as it called upon the country to be prepared for the final struggle. The resolution, however, expressed regret at the lack of any preparations for the struggle and the "Open door" policy.

Another resolution strongly condemned "The action of those misguided people of Bengal who in their zeal of opposing the Gandhian principles went out of their way to show discourtesy towards Mahatma Gandhi in his recent Bengal tour."

Mr. Bose in his speeches condemned discourtesy shown to Gandhiji in Bengal and expressed readiness to work with the old leaders but insisted that they must give marching orders'—A. P.

Protest Against Suspension Of Bengal Congress Committee

CALCUTTA, March 7.

The opinion that the present B. P. C. C. broad-based on the suffrage of Bengal Congressmen and truly representative of Congress opinion in the Province should continue to function as the Provincial Congress Committee, was expressed at a public meeting held today at Shraddhananda Park in connection with the observance of the B. P. C. C Suspension Day. Mrs. Hemaprava Majumdar, M.L.A., Vice-President of the B. P. C. C. presided.

The meeting characterised the decision of the Working Committee suspending the Bengal Provincial Congresss Committee as "unjust and unjustifiable and truly subversive of the internal democracy of the Congress organisation".—A. P.

NO WORK FOR THEM UNDER NEW REGIME

UNAO, March 7.

Holding that in the changed circumstances following the resignation of Congress Ministries, no rural development work is possible in the villages, a letter of resignation, purporting to have been signed by the District Inspector, 15 organisers and one industrial organiser of the Unao Rural Development Department has been addressed to the Rural Development Officer, United Provinces, Lucknow.

The District Congress Committee which met yesterday resolved that the Rural Development Department has ceased to posses the utility for the Rural areas for which it was started by the Congress Ministry and called upon Congressmen associated with it to tender their resignations' forthwith.

The signatories to the resignation letter have asked to be relieved in a week's time.—A. P Special.

COLD SHOULDER FOR

PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION MOVE

Congress Refuses To Play To London Tune

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI. March 8.

Your Correspondent learns from prominent members of the Council of State who belong to the Indian Liberal Party that they have been trying to arrange invitation for a Parliamentary Delegation to visit India. It appears that their proposal was that the Empire Parliamentary Association, Indian Branch, should send such an invitation.

It appears Sir Maneckji Dadabhoy President of the Council of State had an interview with Viceroy in this connection but its outcome is not known. The Empire Parliamentary Association has no funds for incurring the expenses of the delegation to honour invitation and it is not likely that Government of India would finance such proposal. Accordingly no invitation will be [illegible]

Already it is known [illegible] this suggestion came from the Congress-minded Indians in London to Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai, Leder of the Congress Party to arrange or extend private or organisational invitation. But Sjt. Desai after consultation with his colleagues refused to do so and informed his friends in London. It is curious neither official nor non-official circles, except Indian Liberals, favour a British Delegation's visit to India.

Bombay Govt. Rejects Fresh Toddy Sales Scheme

Fears Danger Of Illicit Practices And Violation Of Prohibition Scheme

The Government of Bombay has rejected as impracticable a scheme by the Toddy and Liquor Trade Workers' Association for the sale of fresh toddy in the Bombay prohibition area.

The scheme was submitted to the Government following a deputation from the Association to Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser to the Governor in charge of Excise Its adoption, the Association contended, would not violate the principle of prohibition, but would give work to some of the unemployed toddy tappers who could not easily be absorbed in other occupations.

It was proposed that toddy should be drawn under the supervision of Excise officials and conveyed in sealed containers to licensed booths. These booths, in turn, would be under official surveillance and all toddy supplied to customers would have to be drunk on the premises.

The tappers, it was suggested, should begin work at 6 o'clock in the mornings and at three o'clock in the afternoons, and the booths should be open from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Toddy not sold during the morning, the Association maintained, would not ferment if kept in refrigerators until the evening sale hours, while all stocks unsold at 9 p.m. could be converted into vinegar.

The Government has given careful consideration to the scheme, but has decided that it cannot be accepted. The principal reason is that toddy sold under the conditions proposed would contain more than the two per cent. of alcohol permissible under the prohibition policy. Expert examination has shown that early morning collection in clean pots and storage for a short time in rooms with a low temperature will keep down fermentation but will not arrest it. The toddy sold, therefore, would vary in its alcoholic content from five to seven per cent. and, probably, in actual practice, this proportion would increase as the day advanced.

Secondly, there is the danger of illicit practices. Once the ban on tapping selected trees had been lifted, it would be necessary to keep a check on all other trees as well to prevent illegal drawing of toddy. For this a large and costly force of men would be required.

Another practical difficulty would be that arising from the need to concentrate booths in a small area adjacent to the trees; This might very well lead to disorderly scenes and complaint from residents in the vicinity. On the other hand, if booths were distant from the trees, there would always be the danger of a "leakage" of toddy supplies during the journey.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

The Inter-provincial hockey tournament was almost a social affair. I mean the spectators, of course.

"Lord Londonderry announces that he has decided to give up Londonderry House, his Park-lane home, which has been the scene in the last 20 years of many political receptions.

Increasing rates and taxes—estimated this year at between £400 and £500—are the reason for the house being given up, says a London paper.

This may read like the story of an individual, but in reality it is the passing of an era in politics.

Radio enthusiasts in India will be glad to hear that in the survey taken by the British Institute of Public Opinion the following facts were revealed:

Whereas on December 2.57 per cent. answered "Yes" to the question "Do you ever happen to listen to foreign stations?" in a survey completed early this month 65 per cent. answered "Yes" to the same question.

In the earlier survey 62 per cent. had last listened to Hamburg or other German stations. In the second survey this percentage had risen to 77.

Lord Haw-Haw is, of course, the chief broadcaster from the German stations.

France's "most tragic women"—a grey-haired grandmother and her young grand-daughter—have been driven temporarily to renounce the world through the shame of a Frenchman's treason.

They are the mother and daughter of Paul Ferdonnet, broadcaster of pro-Nazi and anti-French propaganda from the Stuttgart radio station.

Recently he was publicly proclaimed a "traitor to the Fatherland" in his native village of La Bataille, in Western France.

And, overwhelmed by grief at his treason, the two women have sought solace and forgetfulness in a neighbouring convent.

A third woman, his former wife, has hidden her identify in remarriage.

Ferdonnet once boasted that he would become famous. "One day France will be talking about me," he said.

His boast has come true. France talks about him.

URBAN PROPERTY TAX

In accordance with the assurance given by the Finance Minister in the Legislative Assembly during the debate on the Finance Act, the Bombay Government has now issued instructions regarding the levy of the penalty for default in payment of the urban immovable property tax.

The tax should be paid within 15 days from the date the bill is presented. In case of default a notice of demand will be issued containing a note that default in payment within the period specified in the notice will render the defaulter liable to a penalty not exceeding one-fourth of the amount remaining unpaid.

The levy of penalty will be restricted to cases of deliberate and wilful default. In other cases, the payment of the tax will be allowed to be spread over a period not exceeding six months following the date on which the tax is due. In cases of poverty, genuine hardship and inability to pay in a lump sum, the municipality, the notified area committee or the Collector, as the case may be, is authorised to collect the tax in monthly instalments.

Care will be taken to see that the penalty clause is not applied in respect of properties belonging to a charitable trust in cases in which the municipality, the notified area committee or the Collector is satisfied that the trust is experiencing any unusual difficulty in the payment of the tax. In such cases, if necessary, the trust will be permitted to pay the tax even after the prescribed time limit has passed, but not later than six months after the tax becomes due.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — THE FEATHERED SERPENT CASE

THIS MAN'S INSPECTOR WADE'S/ HE COULDN'T HAVE KILLED MISS CREED/
HE'S THE ONE/ I SAW HIM WITH THE GUN IN HIS HAND WHEN I CAME IN/
THIS IS TH'GUN THAT DONE IT, SIR/ PROBABLY GOT 'IS FINGER-PRINTS ALL OVER/
JIM!JIM! WHAT'S HAPPENED? DID YOU DO THIS?
I CAN'T REMEMBER, DON . . . LAST I RECALL IS BEING IN THE HOSPITAL . . . THEN NOTHING UNTIL I FOUND A GUN IN MY HAND, AND HER ----- THAT WAY/
BUT, JIM, YOU'RE ADMITTIN' MURDER! YOU GOTTA RE-MEMBER, YOU GOTTA/
I-I THINK YOU'D BETTER PUT ME UNDER ARREST, DON/ WHO ELSE BUT ME COULD HAVE SHOT HER?
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